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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE

OF

1719

(VOLUME No. XV.)
[*From January to December 1719.*]

No. 1

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
President & Governour
of Fort S^{t}. George &c^{a}. Council

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

1. This serves to advise [that the] Mary & Page sail'd out of our road [...] last month with four hundred [...] Bales belonging to the Honble. Co[mpany and the dupli]cates of said ships Invoices with [the Bill of] Lading &c^{a}. papers shall be sent [...] overland in a few days.

2. Our Cheif by Permission [...] &c^{a}. took his passage with Capt. [...] we gave a full account of affairs [...] we have now little to add on [...] Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that as the circumstances [...] easy as to admitt his leave [...] our cheif care & study to keep [...] return; We have not further [...] leave to wish your hon^{r}. &c. [...] and that it may prove so [...] publick and private affairs [...] the greatest Respect.

Vizagapatam
Jan^{ry}. the 3^{d}. 1718/9.

Ho[n^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.]
Your most [obedient]
humble [servants]
[Cornelius Moll].
[John Blunt].

No. 2

[To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr. President & Govern^{r}. of Forts
S^{t}. George & S^{t}. David &c^{a}. Council]

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Our Cash Account and our Merchants accounts come Inclosed.

We are about loading the Young Derby and Sloop Dartmouth with our Honble. Masters Bales to be dispatch'd to Fort S^{t}. George with the first favourable wind which can stemn the Currant which as yet runs very strong to the southward.

This with a List of Bales & our most humble Respects is what offers from

[...]

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your most obed^{t}. humble servants
Fra^{s}. Hastings.
Jno. Berlu
Matt^{w}. Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Sim^{n}. Holcombe.

[...] Viz^{t}.
[...] 968
[...] 80
[...] 416
[...] 300
[...]1764

No. 3

To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr. Pres^t^. & Govern^r^.
of Forts S^t^. George &
S^t^. David &^ct^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

1. We are favoured with yours of the 9 Inst:

2. We purpose inflicting Corporall punishment on the Woman judg[ed] guilty of murthering the Child under the Ga[...] in the sight of the severall Casts of Inhabitants [pro] claiming at same time your mercy and dete[rring] others with Death on the like occasion hereafter.

3. Copys of our Gen^ll^. Books gone home by the Mary shall be sent according to your orders.

4. Our Honble. Masters Ship the Young Derby and the Sloop Dartmouth are loaden with Bales the ship with 205 and the sloop 24 but lye [west] bound in our Road the Currants also run strong to the Southward.

5. The ships charges of Building with stores wages &c^a^. amounts to Pag^s^. 3050. 46. –. as by particulars in a day Book which we shall send by her.

6. On the 26th. We shall be sure to send an exact account of our remaining Bales with the [need] full papers to be transmitted to England as [you] direct and most Respectfully subscribe

Fort S^t^. David
Jan^ry^. the 15th. 1718/9.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most obed^t^. humble servants
Fra^s^. Hastings.
Jno. Berlu.
M. Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Sim: Holcomb.

No. 4

To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr. Presid^t^. & Govern^r^. of
Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

1. The foregoing Duplicate of what wrote the 6th. Ins^t^. ℘ Mary to which please referr.

2. This is cheifly to advise we have laden for our Honble. Masters account on board of this Brigantine Success Samuel Sympson Master six hundred Bags of salt Petre which is all she can take in amounting as ℘ Invoice and Bill of lading enclosed to rup^s^. 7800 –. –. which we wish a speedy & safe arrivall with you.

3. We have made use of this opportunity because we are inform'd the Derby lies for want of Petre and hope this may reach you a week or ten days before the King George can who will sail the latter end with 2000 bags more for y^r^. Presidency over and above her full Kentilage for Europe in 4 or 5 days shall dispatch another Brigantine with one thousand Bags more. We are

Fort William
Decr. y^e^. 16 171[.]

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.
Your very humble servants
Sam^ll^. Feake.
Jno. Williamson.
Hen^y^. Frankland.
Waterw^th^. Collet.

No. 5

To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr. President & Govr. of
Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

The foregoing is what we wrote the 16th Inst. ꝑ Success Brigantine Samll. Simpson Mastr. since which came to hand your favour of the 6th. October ꝑ ship Harrison we observe the contents and shall reply to the material thereof ꝑ ship King George who is fully laden and her Capt. gone down with the Pylot to carry [her] over [to] Coxes the Purser we shall send down with her dispatches in three or four days which is as soon as the Nip tides will allow her to gett over.

2. This is cheifly to advise we have loaden for account our Honble. Masters one thousand bags of salt petre on board this Brigantine Success Capt. Richd. Wallis Master amounting as ꝑ bill of Lading and Invoice enclosed to Rupees Thirteen thousand – ,, – ,, which pray God send a quick and safe arrivall with You. We are

Fort William
December ye. 29th. 1718.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

Your very humble Servants
Samll. Feake.
Jno. Williamson.
Henry. Frankland.
Waterwth. Collet.

P. S.
Inclosed is Copy of Ship Marys Charter-party which should have gone on her but was omitted.

No. 6

To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr. Presidt. & Govr. of
Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

1. Our last to Your Honr. &ca. was under the 12th of Sepr. wherein we advised you of the arrival of the Dartmouth and Addison from London the 7th. of that month and of our expectation of the Stanhope who imported the 22d. of the same month.

2. The 22d. Ulto. came to hand your Honr. &cas. of the 1st. Octr. we have transmitted the news of the unfortunate Loss of the Success to our Honble. Masters by the Duke of York Capt. Abraham Daws who sailed out of this road the 21st. Novr. but by our order she touching at Cullabie to go down the Coast with our Frigatts we sent it by a boat which reacht her.

3. We should have been very glad (as we are obliged to a war with Angria to have had a supply of Europeans from you the Company not having sent us above one hundred with those few we have we made an attack on his Island of Cundry and were very near carrying it on the Fleets appearing before Cullabie he sent off and desired peace but not coming in[...]the proposals of giving us Cundry as a security and some other satisfaction it was not thought proper to condescend to it. Our Frigatts are now gone down the Coast in quest of his grabs and if it please God they meet with success it will go a great way in bringing him to reasonable Terms.

[4]. [We] return your Hon^rs^. &c^a^. our thanks for the [...] and your care in providing us the Bo[...] deers who will be very usefull to us.

[...] We gave our sentiments concerning a contr[ibu]tion to this warr when we desired it in our [let]ter of the 24th July we shall now add thereto that the Crushing this Pyrate is so necessary to encrease the Trade to Surat that without it 'twill not be practicable to carry any on This is so evident we hoped your Hon^r^. &c^a^. would have assisted us in our endeavours to effect it since the benefit thereof will extend to all Traders on your side and thô 'twould be a burthen to the present the advantage that would arise from thence would be a sufficient recompence.

5. We have had some treaty with the Dep^y^. Govern^r^. of Surat about setling the Phirmaund and hope to see it concluded shortly of which we shall give you advice as soon as effected.

6. By Way of Surat we have had news that the Muscatters have withdrawn from Ormus and that the Persians have raised their Blockade from our Factory at Gombroon. We thought it a proper season to send our ships for that Port and accordingly dispatch'd the Desbouvery in company with the Dartmouth (on whom sent Agent Peachy) & King George Capt. Tullie the 24th. Ult^o^.

7. Two of our Frigatts after having visited Angrias Ports to the Southward will go down to Callicutt or Tellicherry to convoy up such English Ships as they meet there bound to the Northward.

8. On the 18th of last month dyed [Mr.] John Clapham a member of this Board.

9. We design to dispatch[Ship]Morrice Capt. Eustace Peacock very short[ly] for Great Brittain.

10. We have nothing to add [but] assure you that We are

HONBLE. SR. &cA.

Your very affecte. Frd. & humble Servants

[Bombay Castle].

CHAS. BOONE.
LAWCE. PARKER.
JOHN BRADDYLL.
WALTER BROWN.

No. 7

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & TO
THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SRS.

I take the Liberty to address you the inclos'd appeal from your Honr. & Councils sentence on my process with Marcus Moses and having no more to say conclude with Respect

PONDICHERRY

JANRY. THE 19TH. 1719.

HONBLE. SRS.

Your most humble. & obedt. servant
PETER DULIVIER.

No. 8

To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr.Presid^t^. & Governour
of Forts S^t^. George & S^t^.
David &c^t^: Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

This comes by Sloop D[artmouth] with her account of expences In[curred and Bill] of Loading inclosed for twenty four [Bales of Callicoes; [lad]en upon her amounting to Pag^s^. [...] dred forty eight twenty five fanams [...].

Fort S . David
19th January 1718/9.

We most respectf[ully subscribe]
Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Your most obed^t^. [humble servants]
Fra^s^. [Hastings].
[John Berlu].
[Matt^w^. Weld].
[Robt. Berriman].
[Thos. Wright].
[Sim^n^. Holcombe].
R[ob^t^. Brooke].

No. 9

To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr. Presid^t^. & Governour
of Fort S^t^. George &c^t^. Council

Honble. Sir

On the 10th. Insta[nt...] to forward our accounts [...] months this comes by ship Dolphin belonging to M^r^. Symonds on whom we have laden forty eight Bales of sundry sorts of Callicoes amounting to Pagodas three thousand four hundred fifty one eighteen fanams and fourteen Cash as ℘ Invoice and bill of Loading that come enclos'd the freight of which we desire Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. will please to pay the owner.

Our Buildings go on as fast as the few materials we have to work upon will let us the outside of our house being just finished and the curtain is run up high enough to lay the Beams our Cheif being with Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. we need not inform you of the inconveniencys we are under wherefore we shall only wish the Ship a quick passage and subscribe wth. the greatest Respect

[Vizagapa]tam
[22nd. Jan^y^.] 1718/9.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Your most obliged & Obedient
humb^le^. Servants
Corn^s^: Moll.
John Blunt.

No. 10

To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr. Govern^r^. &c^t^.: Council
of Madrass.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^:

Your Hon^rs^. &c^ts^: of the 1st. October 26 D^o^. and the Duplicate the 25th. November [last] was with no small concern read the [misfortune] of ship Success hope ere this Your Hon[^rs^. &c have] saved best part of the Cargo that ma[y make] the Loss y^e^.

easier to our Hon[ble]. Masters the [Duke] of York bound to Anjenga and fro[m thence] home came into this Road yesterda[y ...] for a little wood and water & will [leave to] morrow or next day by her shall [...] relation.

This Ship not having orders [...] brought me few or no Letters by which [...] vise the News to the Northward Go[...] been against Angria in person [...] much damage our Fleet is still [...] to fall on him at Gurreah his [...] which when done the cheif & Cou[ncil...] write me will send two Grabs [...] Ship the Brittania by the time the [...] expect them in four or five days [...] me still detain your Pattamar [...] sailing this is ℔ French Pa[... Pondi]cherry. I am

HON[BLE]. [S[R]. & S[RS].]

Your very [humble servants]

[ROBERT ADAMS]

CALLICUTT
24 DEC[R]. 1718.

No. 11

TO THE HON[BLE]. JOSEPH COLLET
ESQ[R]. PRESID[T]. & GOVERNOUR
OF FORTS S[T]. GEORGE & S[T].
DAVID &C[T]. COUNCIL.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[T].

We have rec'd M[r]. Secretary Draper's Letter of the 21st Ins advising your payment of twelve thousand & twenty one Pag[s]. twenty seven fanams & seven Cash the ballance of our new Merchants account for last month.

We now send a parcell directed to your Hon[r]. &[ct]. with our Consultations & Paymasters accounts from the beginning of June to the last of Nov[r]: and the Cuddalore Sea Customers Regist[r]: for the last year. The Tevenapatam Account of Customs with all other papers as usual to be sent to our Hon[ble]. Masters and signed by the proper persons, are inclosd in the Pacquet and number'd as ℔ List.

We likewise send at foot hereof a List of our bales and before the Dispatch of the King George we shall send an exact account of our proceedings with our contract & agreement and the time we may reasonably expect to have both finished.

[FORT S[T]. DAVID]

[26TH JANUARY 1718/19].

We most respectfully subscribe

HON[BLE] S[R]. &C[T].

Your most obed[t]. humble servants

FRA[S]. HASTINGS.
JN[O]. BERLU.
MATT: WELD.
ROB[T]. BERRIMAN.
THO[S]. WRIGHT.
SIM[N]. HOLCOMBE.
ROB[T]. BROOKE.

[LIST OF] BALES AS ℔
[AG] REEMENT.

[ ]GE	799
[EM]BAL'D	913
[BEA]TERS	252
[WASHERS]	226
	2490

No. 12

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^.
George &c^a^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^

1. Our last letter to you was the 29th. past ℘ Brigantine Success Capt. Rich^d^. Wallis Master in which had but just time to acknowledge the receipt of your favour dated the 6th. October by Ship Harrison and its Duplicate ℘ Cossid arriv'd the next day with your Letter of the 30th. October.

2. Our reason for desiring but half of our Silver to be coined with you is because Madrass rupees will hardly pass for current money at our subordinate Factorys as Cossimbazar and Patna for the use of which settlements it is that we want the Silver uncoined as being more for the Hono^ble^. Companys advantage than sending up Madrass Rupees.

3. We are heartily concern'd we could not give you a larger supply of Salt Petre sooner than we have there was none procurable and should we not have kept sufficient for the Mary and Heathcote one of those Ships and all now here which are ready for their dispatches would at this time have been to be loaden and as our ships lay so far as Rogues river from us it would have embarrassed our affairs to such a degree in having them to Load altogether at that distance as would have made them all late ships besides our river is so stopd up this year that we are forced to send great part of their Lading down to Coxes in Boats because it is not safe for large ships to go over the Flats deep loaded.

4. We have sent you a good store of Petre for next year, and shall continue to supply all we can that the like illconveniencys may never be repeated we think we have taken such measures as will effectually prevent it for the future.

5. As the passage to Fort S^t^. George in Sepr. Obliges all ships to keep the Coast on board we could not suppose the Metchlepatam's touching for a day at Vizagapatam to put ashore two or three Chests of Treasure (wch. we very reasonably might suppose those Gentlemen were in great want of for the Companys Investment) could impeed her passage to Fort S^t^. George so many days it rather appears to be her bad sailing.

6. The Mary was gone before your order for sending the Timber and plank to Vizagapatam and we know not how its possible to send them thither now unless we find an opportunity after our ships are all gone to send them on one of the Companys sloops which we will if find it feazable.

7. We are extream sorry to find the report we had of the unfortunate Loss of the Ship Success confirm'd by you God grant better Success to all the rest of our Hono^ble^. Masters Ships we are glad to find you have had the good fortune to secure so much of her cargo which undoubtedly is owing to your good conduct and speedy assistance.

8. The Mary and King George being nearly half laden here for Europe we doubt not you will be well able to compleat their Lading and give them a timely dispatch for Great Brittain

9. The cheif Colours of Broad Cloth which sells here are Greens and reds and we are so very much glutted with all sorts of Woollen manufactory here and at all our subordinate Settlements as well as all our Merchants who have their houses full we are obliged to return that sent us by the King George to you again on her for we have no manner of vend for it nor no likelyhood of any you are misinform'd whoever acquaints you that Yellow is as acceptable as any other Colours for [us] a very trifle of that colour which we sell in comparison with reds & greens and we are yearly supplyed with as much and more of every sort than we can possibly contrive to dispose of.

10. The Honble : Company have sent us this year severall fine Imbost Broad Cloth Tents we understand they have sent you some of the same and desire to know if you can find a vend for them because we would send those we have to [you] not being proper for any market here nor can we find any means to dispose of them at any manner of price.

11. We are glad to find you have had some rain to save your crop of Grain Pray God preserve you from scarcity for rice here is grown very dear and like to be dear insomuch that the Moors Government has forbad its being exported thô we shall find means we hope to gett it provided if it does not grow to dear to be carried abroad for sale.

12. Ship Heathcote was dispatched from Coxes the 29 of December with her full lading for Great Brittain amounting to Rupees six hundred sixty nine thousand eight hundred & sixty thirteen annas and six pyce her Tow Boats are return'd this day and give an account they left her four days ago, in seven fathom water undr. sail.

13. The Grantham went over to Coxes in Compy. with this ship and has near her full lading on board we make no doubt of dispatching her for England before the 20th. Instant.

14. This comes by the King George Captain Samuel Lewis Commander on whom we have laden sundry goods for account our Honble. Mastrs. to the amount of rupees two hundred ninety six thousand four hundred & six two ana's and nine pyce as ℘ Invoice & bill of Lading enclos'd being designed as our proportion of her cargo for Great Brittain.

15. We have also laden on her two thousand Bags of Salt Petre and sundry other stores for the use of your Presidency amounting to forty one thousand six hundred and sixty eight rupees eight ana's & six pyce as ℘ Invoyce & bill of Lading enclos'd.

16. We have laden sundry Stores on her for the use of St. Helena amounting to five hundred and twelve rupees thirteen ana's and six Pyce as ℘ Invoice and bill of Lading sent in our Pacquet for the Govr. & Council of that Place.

17. Capt. Lewis has had his full proportion of Petre he demanded for making his Ship sail worthy over and above the Two thousand baggs sent for the Store of your Presidency and he is not to demand more from Your Honr. &ca. so that with the sixteen hundred bags sent you by the two Brigantines (which in all is three thousand six Hundred) We hope you are sufficiently supply'd for the ensuing year however when our ships are gone we will examine our stock of Petre and if we can spare a little more we will reserving only to ourselves sufficient for a couple of Ships to be dispatchd early from hence next season that is one for your Presidency and one home as we did this year for wch. we shall have Bales sufficient ready by the arrivall of the expected shipping.

18. By the Mary Capt. Holden we sent you Prisoner Thos. Nelthrope who upon enquiry we found had often attempted sodomy as his examination forwarded with him and now send you copy of the same with his servant Philip Williams who will satisfye your Honr. &ca. in a more particular manner what means he used to obtain his brutal ends we were at the same time inform'd that he had led the same course of life with his black boy Pedro (now left with his Wife) his last voyage to Surat. We think such actions are not to be overlooked wherefore desire your honr. &ca. would gain what farther information you can and send with him to England where we wish he may meet his reward. We are

Fort William
January the 3d. 1718/9.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Your most humble Servants
Samll. Feake.
J. Williamson.
H. Frankland.
Willm. Spencer.
Waterwth. Collet.

No. 13

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govern^r^. of Forts
S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^a^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

This comes by our Honble. Masters new ship the Young Derby with the Day Book of her expences in building with a List of stores she has on board

We have loaden upon her two hundred and five bales amounting to pagodas twelve thousand one hundred and fifty four twelve fanams and fifty two Cash as ℘ Invoice with Bill of Loading Inclosed.

Fort S^t^. David
January the 19th. 1718/9.

We most respectfully subscribe
Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most obed^t^. humble Servants
Fra^s^. Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matt^w^. Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Sim^n^. Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

No. 14

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. for Affairs
of the Honble. United Comp^a^. &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

On the 17th. Ins^t^. arrivd here Ship Metchlepatam by whom we rec̃d. your Hon^r^. &c^as^. generall Letter of the 21st. past in answer to ours ℘ ships Success and President signifying your approbation of our proceedings to that time and as M^r^. Cooke has so far had the good fortune as to meet with your Applause he the more willingly undertakes the Deputy Government of this place for which he desires you will accept his sincere acknowledgments and in a more particular manner for the trust reposed in him in his private commission and promises to exert himself in his future conduct so as to merit the continuance of y^r^. Hon^r^. &^as^. favour and good esteem.

2. We have in pursuance of the orders contain'd in your second paragraph confin'd Messrs. Farmer and Morris and seiz'd upon the keys of all their effects which are at present under the Honble. Companys seal till time will permitt us to take an inventory thereof wch. with their persons shall be sent you on the Brigantine but if we can first make an end with Morris who has the least effects we shall endeavour to send him on this ship what more we have to add on this subject shall be said in its proper places under the head of Factors Writers &c^a^.

3. We shall now proceed to give your Hon^r^. &c^a^. an account under the usual heads of what has occurr'd since our last but for such particulars as are too voluminous to incert by way of Letter We desire you will please to be referred to our Consultations Diarys and Letters sent and receiv'd which are all the books we send you by this conveyance the Brigantine being detain'd till after the dispatch of the Benjamin to forward to you our generall Books and other material accompts as also our Gen^ll^. Letter design'd for the Honble. Court of Directors ℘ said ship all which we hope may prove to your Hon^r^. &c^as^. satisfaction.

First concerning Shipping.

4. On the 25th. Sepr. arrived here ship Queen from Great Brittain who left Plymouth the 31st. Aprill last and brought us our Honble. Masters Letter of the 14th. March Copy of which we send herewith for your perusal wherefore we shall forbear

reciting the particular advices therein contain'd. We likewise rec͠d by her two Pacquets and a single Letter to be forwarded to you by the first good conveyance which we now send you the larger Pacquet as they advise us contains the commission for trying of Pyrates which being of so great importance we beg leave to congratulate your Hon[r]. &c[a]. thereupon the lesser pacquet is what came inclosed in ours and probably is duplicate of their gen[ll]. to Fort this year and the single Letter we rec'd from the Cap[t]. which he says was sent him to the Downs after the arrival of the King William and we suppose may contain something in answer to your Hon[r]. &c[a]. Letter by said ship who arriv'd there the latter end of March.

5. Besides this Ship Queen of three hundred thirty Tons they have likewise sent us the Amelia of three hundred fifty Tons first to touch at S[t]. Helena the Queen parting Company with her the 21st. May when she altered her course for that Port and might have reasonably been expected here before this time but is not yet arriv'd we had little reason to expect so large a Tonage this year when we consider how small encouragement they have had for near three years past and at this Juncture it falls much heavier upon us not having any prospect of a Loading for one such single Ship in less than a twelve month. In our last we explained to you how low the Pepper Trade was reduced and shall further inlarge before the close of this Letter We have maturely considered your orders & our Hono[ble]. Masters Interest in dispatching to you such ships as we cannot timely provide for on this coast and come to the following resolution in respect of these two that only the Queen be sent you to be provided for in such manner as your affairs and opportunity will permitt. We have kept her a few days longer then designed that we might by her give your Hon[r]. &c . an account of affairs here and reply to your Letter received ℔ ship Metchlepatam thô we still hope she may be an early ship with you in January and that the Amelia on her arrivall to be sent to Benjarr with a stock of twenty thousand Dollars or thereabouts to purchase a cargo of Pepper on the Honble. Comp[as]. account and if any part of her stock remain uninvested to provide stores for this place at Batavia on her return and tho this matter be something unusual We are of opinion your Hon[r]. &c[a]. will not disapprove thereof for the following reasons Viz[t].

First that we have already sent you the Success of two hundred & sixty Tons and now the Queen of three hundred thirty Tons and observe the Companys have sent out for the Coast & Bay five large Ships of which we may suppose at least three hundred Tons more than usual will fall on your hands and should we send you the Amelia of three hundred fifty Tons the whole would be one thousand two hundred forty Tons extraordinary and is more than tis possible you can provide for in a year out of the stock sent you from England which generally is only computed for the Tonnage directly consigned to you.

Secondly as we have not yet heard of the Thistleworth who was designed here in case she could not meet with a cargo there We have reason to beleive she compleated her loading & is gone for England.

Thirdly We are inform'd by the China Prows lately arrived from Batavia and Java that an Embargoe was laid upon all Junks from trading from China to any parts whatsoever this year who usually took of their Pepper at Benjarr wherefore 'tis reasonable to beleive that Pepper must be more plenty & cheaper there now than formerly.

Fourthly the Company having sent no ship thither this year gives us further hopes of succeeding.

Fifthly If she meet with so indifferent a markett as to purchase, but half her Loading, she may bring us stores from Batavia and return hither time enough to be dispatchd for England in August or September and should she be so fortunate as to meet with her full Loading We shall then be in a fair way of sending home the next ship that arrives from England before her demorage commences.

Sixthly if we do not send her on this voyage both ship & Money will lay unemployed in this place the greatest part of the year and tis not unlikely she would do the same should we send her over to you.

For all which reasons we think it much for the Companys Interest to proceed in this manner which we are in great hopes will meet with your Hon^r^. &c^as^. approbation.

6. We have at last near compleated the Loading of the Ship Benjamin She has now on board one hundred and seven Tons of Pepper and we are pretty sure of a sufficient quantity coming in time enough to fill her up in about ten days more. When we wrote you last we were in hopes to have got her away much sooner but have been strangely disappointed from Bentall who have supply'd us with no more than fifty seven Baharrs from thence and Ippue towards her Loading which is all the Pepper receiv'd from thence since October was twelve month and the Malays Quasso or Lent which continued all August and great part of July, during which time the Malayas will do no manner of work not one grain of Pepper was brought in here which has been a great hinderance to us in the dispatch of this ship. Capt. Bradley dyed intestate the 19th. August of his Bentall sickness and was succeeded by his cheif mate Jno. Pye who is a very carefull man and immediately took charge of the ship and the Cap^ts^ effects the ships Company was reduced to fourteen Persons but by the assistance of Capt. Martin and what People We have spared him from this Place for his ships use and for S^t^. Helena we shall make his compliment twenty six or twenty seven Persons before his departure.

7. The George Brigantine has been fully employed in carrying Passengers & Stores to and from Bentall whither she has made three trips since her arrivall here and has lately been at Sillebarr to careen the Vessell is in very good condition but her officers & Lascarrs have been very sickly so soon as the Benjamin is dispatch'd We shall immediately send her over to you.

Secondly concerning goods from Europe and Madrass.

8. We have recd by the Queen ten Chests of Treasure and as we are told by Capt. Martin as much more is coming on the Amelia but of this we have no advice from the Hono^ble^. Company however it may so happen that our Cash may be exhausted by sending the Amelia to Benjar and carrying forward our Buildings which we design to go on wth. briskly this year wherefore if your Hon^r^. &c^t^. think fit to grant us Liberty of drawing bills on you We promise not to make use of such Liberty without there be an urgent necessity for it.

9. We thank your Hon^r^. &c^t^. for what supplys of wares and stores now sent us on ship Metchlepatam and shall give you an account by the Brigantine how they come out when the Warehousek^r^. and Storek^r^. have delivered in their report thereof. We now send a List of w^t^. Stores wanting for next year but as for wares We shall not have occasion for any for some time more than what small matter incerted in the List now sent you by the Warehousek^r^. there being so large a quantity of M^r^. Shillings Goods in the Warehouse the species of which are in a great measure altered since our last advices by making M^r^. Farmer refund the overplus of course Goods he had kept to himself and returning to him what fine Goods he had so unjustly imposed on the Company in part of M^r^. Shyllinges Debt more than his proportion of Goods in company between them as your Hon^r^. &c^t^. will more plainly perceive by the List thereof enter'd after our Consultation of the 25th. October this abuse we did not find out till very lately in Looking over some Invoices of Goods bought between them We found the whole quantity of fine Goods purchased were all deliver'd the Warehousek^r^. on M^r^. Shyllings account which put us upon a further scrutiny into that affair. This has quite altered the property so that now most part thereof are proper for the Companys use wherefore the Dep^ty^. Govr. declines accepting of said Goods as they are valued which as matters now stand might probably give occasion to suspect that this alteration was made for his own private advantage for wch. reason we have resolved to receive them all on the Companys account and give M^r^. Shyllinge credit for them as they are rated in the List formerly sent you and the fine Goods which are not so proper for the Comp^as^. use we shall endeavour to dispose off to the Europe Commanders or others at the Prices they are rated at or a small matter advance if it be to be had besides the Goods of M^r^. Shyllinge since your Hon^r^. &c^t^. has orderd us to seize M^r^. Farmers effects We beleive he has as large a quantity

of the same sorts which we are of opinion must likewise be taken on the Companys acco[t]. for twould be very prejudicial to their affairs to dispose of them at outcry about which we shall wait your orders but the particulars thereof we cannot inform you till an inventory of his effects be taken which is a work will require some time.

10. In the Gen[ll]. Letter now rēcd from our Hon[ble]. Masters ℔ ship Queen your Hon[r]. &c[a]. will find what heavy complaints they make of the extravagant expences of this place particularly in the Stewards accounts and for Europe Liquorrs and other stores laid in at the worst hand to remedy which for the future We could not fall into a surer way than by laying aside the Generall Table and giving a reasonable allowance of Dyet money and Liquors to each of the covenanted servants and such others as they [allow] the priviledge of their Table as is stated in our consultations of the 30th. September with w[ch]. the Gentlemen are all extreamly satisfyed four or five Persons joyning their allowances and live very handsomely & contented. The same allowances we have orderd to be made at Bentall. This Method brings that article of Charges Dyet to a certain summ in seldom exceeding more than six hundred or six hundred and fifty Dollars ℔ month which being so large a summ as upwards of one thousand Dollars ℔ month retrench'd in the expence of this place and upwards of half as much at Bentall besides the Profit the Company now make in selling their Stores to their Servants at twenty ℔c[t]. advance. We hope Your Hon[r] &c[t]. will not think the allowances in any respect unreasonable provisions being so excessive dear in this place that tis impossible for the Gentlemen to subsist on their Dyet money without a proportionable allowance of Liquors Thô our Honble. Masters doe say in the sixty first Paragraph of their Letter ℔ the Queen that those who have Dyet money that must be accounted as their allowance of food and Liquors yet we cant beleive that they themselves will think it too much when they are sensible how much money is monthly sav'd in their Cash thereby wherefore if your Hon[r]. &c[t]. are pleas'd to approve of what we have done in this particular We desire you will supply us yearly with the quantity of thirty Pipes either in wine or Beer of such sorts as you think most proper which will be barely sufficient to make good our years expence the allowances here being a hundred and eighty Gallons and at Bent[ll]. eighty gallons ℔ month or thereabout The Comp[a]. having likewise forbid us buying any Europe Liquors in this Place unless their designs of supplying us yearly from Madrass be frustrated and we do assure you that whatever we may receive from your Hon[r]. &c[t]. or from England more than will make good our allowances shall not be expended but be disposed of for our Hon[ble]. Masters Acco[t].

11. The only inconveniency that attends these allowances is that as this place affords no houses either publick or private for entertainment of strangers all Capt[s]. Supracargoes & cheif officers of shipping have no place to resort to but the Dep[ty]. Gov[rs]. Table to which he has hitherto given them a Gen[ll]. invitation which puts him to an extraordinary expence of upwards of two hundred fifty Dollars ℔ month more than his allowances thô his Table is kept with the greatest frugality. We have not presumed to make any particular allowance on this account but as we suppose neither your Hon[r]. &c[t]. nor the Honble. Company will let us be sufferers in our own Pocket by endeavouring to retrench their charges, The Dep[ty]. Govr. with submission refers this affair to your Hon[r]. &c[ts]. consideration to make him a certain allowance for the time elapsed as well as for the time to come it being equally for the Companys credit as his own that strangers meet with a handsome reception here especially when they belong to the Companys Shipping and to whom they always allowed the priviledge of their Table whilst they kept any we doubt not Your Hon[r]. &c[ts]. generosity on this occasion without which we must beg leave once more to keep a Gen[ll]. Table at the Companys charge at least for the Deputy Gov[r]. & Council as well as for strangers which will give room for many more incident charges to creep in & perhaps in time will raise the expences as high as ever which a setled summ of about two hundred Dollers ℔ month more y[n]. the allowances would now certainly prevent.

12. We cant foresee that we shall have occasion for any sorts of Bengall Goods either for presents or other uses more than M[r]. Shyllinges goods will supply us with upwards of one year wherefore we write for none at this time when these are near

expended that we are likely to be in want of more We shall not fail to send you a calculate of what is necessary In the mean time if any particulars sorts should be wanted we will take care the Company are not imposed on as to the price.

13. Althô we have laid aside the Compas. Table the Steward still keeps up the Farm of Cattle and Poultry and disposes of the produce as the Gentlemen have occasion for them the former we shall always continue to increase and maintain but if the Company are loosers by the latter We have some thoughts of throwing it up every body being cheaper supply'd out of the Country with Fowles than the Company can afford to sell them. The Stewards sends a particular account of what stock now on hand which might have been a far greater number had the incllosure made by the Govr. Collet been made use of which has been wholly neglected and is run to ruin in several places, tis now repair'd and we have almost finished a large shed in the middle compound to keep the cattle from the weather and separate the cows and Calves which have hitherto run together so that it has sometimes been a hard matter to get a quart of Milk from the whole number but more care shall be taken for the future.

14. As we have herewith sent you a copy of our Honble. Masters Letter to us ℔ ship Queen We beg leave to refer you to the 29th. paragraph of said Letter under this head which they positively order to be sent you wherein they take notice of one thousand three hundred seven Dollers two sucas charg'd in the Stewards accot. for July 1716 for Govr. Collets voyage to Fort St. George which they say they expect he repay into their cash excepting only one hundred Dollers which they think sufficient to defray the charge thô by what we can Learn from some Gentlemen that were then on the place a great part of said stores were expended here before the Govr. embarqued.

15. In our Consultations of the 21st. August last We observed by the Warehousekr. & paymasters accompts that not one peice of the Honble. Compas. Goods had Issued out to the Paymaster from June 1717 to that time either for cloathing of [the] slaves or payment of the Buggeeze and workmen which had doubtless been a perquisite [to] our predecessors and was now become so far a Custom that some of us had follow'd the same steps had we not timely found out the abuse when we immediately made an order to prevent the like for the future.

Thirdly as to Investment of goods proper for Europe.

Fourthly touching the trade of Sumatra in generall and therein any transactions wth. the Country Government.

16. We shall debt Mr. Shyllinge according to order for what commission drawn by him on the Investment of Pepper made by him and have likewise demanded of Mr. Farmer what drawn by him on that account which he had promised to repay few days before the receipt of your orders and we shall now take care to see it comply'd with Mr. Cooke has never yet charg'd any nor shall it ever be done for the future.

17. We are sorry We are not yet able to give you a more pleasing account of the Pepper Trade which has been so much neglected that the greatest part of the old Trees in most parts of the Country are gone to ruin and many more have been destroy'd by the late of Troubles the surveys that have been made both here and at Bentall which you will find enter'd in our Consultation Book will shew the particulars and still gives us hopes of retreiving that misfortune in a short time by the large plantations of young Trees in the severall Dusans about us many of which already begin to bear and the Natives still applying themselves to a further encrease and we [have the] happyness to assure you that the Country is so entirely at peace that we [have] not the least apprehension of any disturbance whereby to divert them from it.

18. In the supplement of our [last] We advis'd that Sultan Guillamott was driven into the woods only accompany'd by two or three of our deserters when we thought it was not in his power to give us further disturbance but he soon after by the help

of those deserters once more rallied his Forces and fortifyed himself at Marangin about a days journey from Bentall from whence he was soon routed by a timely detachment from thence and has not since been heard of nearer than Indrapore he is still in Rajah Passaseers dominions who permits him to live in his country as a private Person but so far as we can learn will not in the least espouse his cause. In this engagement we had four or five of our people kill'd and wounded. The Deserters being all very brisk in this action but a day or two after the Bodys of some of them were taken out of the river being as tis supposed kill'd in the engagement and we have advice from the Country people that Ditterly the English Sergeant is since dead, so that we are in hopes to meet with no further trouble from Guillamott if we do tis our resolution either to drive him away or take him prisoner upon his first approach and we shall support Sultan Cutcheel Buzar (who has now changed his name as tis customary among the Malays and is called Tacaderoolo) to the utmost of our power so long as he is stedfast in the Companys Interest as we beleive him to be from the Bentall Letters which gives us an account that he is very industrious in incouraging his people in planting of Pepper whereby to retreive their former Losses and the Proateens of Ippue make large promises of their performances with which we have some hopes of their complyance they having given us some small assistance towards the [sen]ding of the Benjamin. We are at no further charge at that place at present than a few Buggeeze to give notice when the pepper comes down when they send persons down from Bentall to weigh it off and receive it.

19. We shall according to your order charge M^r^. Farmer with the one hundred Dollers presented to Rajah Quasso he would have given a much larger sum on that acco^t^. had not some of the Council objected against it and we shall let Rajah Quasso know his doom if he offer again to interpose in the Companys affairs.

20. Our time will not permitt at pres^t^. to send you the material papers and acco^ts^. found upon the search made into M^r^. Farmers papers which we shall not fail to do by the Brigantine when they shall be sent you in one intire Book by themselves among which you will find the severall accounts wherein he was concerned in the salt trade which will be sufficient to prove our alligations against him on that account. The stock we have now on hand of that commodity is more than the whole Country can take off in seven years which must have been by engrossing it in private hands in so much that we are obliged to give publick notice to the prows bound to Java to bring no more till further orders.

21. By our consultations of the 29 Aug^st^. 8th. and 17th. September Your Hon^r^. &c^a^ will perceive how great an effect the present change of Government here has had over the Country People especially the Oran Gunoos and the poor innocent natives who not longer ago than last year had been so far prevailed upon by that false Prophet [. . .]ma to attempt even the cutting [of] the English Settlements on this coast [which] they had too nearly effected but were now [so far] sensible of their error that they [have now] solicited for pardon that they might [again] have a free trade with us for salt & other Goods in return for the produce of their country promising due obedience and conformity to the Honble. Companys Government for the future and offering what pledge soever we would demand for their due performance and accordingly we did demand that they should deliver up their Padre that he might suffer as being the originall cause of our late differences and the occasion of the Death of so many of their own People to wch. they readily consented and did according to their promise made us betray their Padre into the hands of ten of our Buggeeze who were sent for that purpose and brought him and his attendants Prisoners into the Fort on the 17th. Sepr. they were very obstinate and refus'd responding to any questions we asked them where upon they were confin'd in the Cockhouse for that night and the next day the Pangarans & Dattues being sent for in Council all agreed that the Padree and one of his chief confidents should immediately be executed which was accordingly done in a publick manner without the Fort by separating their heads from their Bodys in the presence of all the Country People at which they express'd a generall satisfaction this we believe has concluded an entire peace in this part of the country and has happyly been effected without the least charge to the Company. We

have since had severall Bitchars with Radin Tecum chief and the rest of the Proateens of the Oran [Guo] noos in order to accommodate a war that had formerly happen'd between them and Pangaran Munko Rajahs Country both parties now being thoroughly reconcil'd & have taken an oath of Friendship to each other allowing a free trade to both of their subjects from one country to the other without the least molestation they have now so good an opinion of our Friendship (and we see no reason we have to mistrust theirs) that they have promised after the Paddy harvest is over to come and settle severall families near us in order to raise new pepper Plantations with which commodity their own Country abounds but we fear is too far off to be brought down at the Companys price.

22 We did not take notice in our last of the Barbarous murders committed by Mr. Morris at Bentall because it was only what we had from common report and could not vouch it to be true tho we have since been convinced it was so and have heard of many more scandalous actions he was guilty of in his Liquors when there, altogether unbecoming the Station he was then in.

23. The Sugar and Arrack plantations continue in a flourishing condition and we hope this year to make a further progress therein Our Honb.e. Masters having supply'd us with Worms and Stills by Ship Queen which were so much wanted. The Undertaker is now busy in fixing them but he complains they are not big enough nor made in a form to please him. We have since our last advanced him one thousand Dollers more to enable him to go on with his work and shall be carefull for the future to make him no further advancements but what is absolutely necessary nor keep him so bare as to starve the cause. We shall caution him to make the sugar something finer and pay for the arrack as you direct, [We shall as] near as possible comply with your orders in supplying you with Arrack and [Sugar] but cant yet promise to send you [the full] quantitys you demand not having [so much as] thirty Leaguers of Arrack and about [. . .]ty candy of sugar which will require[to be] repack'd and shall be ready to be sent you on the Brigantine.

24. What forwardness the Sugar and Arrack Plantations and also the Pepper Garden are in you will find by Mr. Everests reports enter'd in our consultation Book he is very carefull and we find him very useful on that account.

25. We have lately discover'd the body of the Coal mine which grows in plenty in large Rocks above ground about four days Journey up the River and proves something better than the musters lately sent you which our smith tells us gives a surer heat than our sea Coales from England. We have been at a small charge to [clear] the river so as to bring the Coals down on [raft] which is now done. We have had but little experience yet what the charge of bringing them down will amount to having yet made but one trip with a single raft which brot. us down about eighty Bushells by which we compute that twelve Coffrees will bring down about twenty chaldron ⅌ month the credit for whose labour at four Dollers each ⅌ month will amount to Dollers forty eight which will be about two Dollers and a half ⅌ chaldron which is the nearest calculate as yet we can make of their cost and we dont see any further charge we shall be at on that account.

26. We are of Your Honr. &cas. opinion that the coffee in this place will come to little perfection Mr. Newcome having last [year] endeavoured to raise a plantation of young [tree]s which promised pretty well at first [but] are since all dead however we order our gardner to encrease the number of Trees in [the] Company's garden as much as he can but not to employ his whole time in that Business.

27. We cant say that the China Men show any uneasiness or Inclination to leave the place from any discouragements given them by Mr. Farmer tis true we have had but very few China Prows from Batavia this year and those have brought us no manner of Goods besides arrack but this we rather impute to the prohibition of trade this year from China. The China men as well as the Malays have sustain'd great Losses by the late unhappy fire that happen'd lately at Bencoolen in which all their houses and the greatest part of their effects were destroy'd we showed them what incouragemt. we could by making a private gathering towards their releif to which we contributed one hundred Dollars on the Company's account which we

hope will meet with Your Hon^r^. &c^ts^. approbation that enabled them to rebuild their houses and Buzar as commodious as ever in the space of two months they shall not want for further incouragement.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

28. Our people have been hitherto fully employed in repairing the old buildings which has prevented going on with the new which we shall shortly set about with all expedition in order thereto We have come to an agreement with the Undertaker of materials for bu[ildings & to] bring down the old Bricks from [Ben]coolen at th[ree] Dollars ℔ thousand which [are better] for service that what are now made [ha]ve hitherto been charged to the Company [. . .] Dollers ℔ thousand this will save [the com]pany a considerable sum of money in finishing the Fort which is now so far behind hand he proposes to bring them down by water for which purpose he has built him a lighter that will carry ten or twelve thousand each trip she is almost finished and will be launch'd in a few days and we doubt not she will answer his expectation if she does we shall build one or two of the said boats for the Companys use for bringing down Sugar Arrack Coals &c^t^. from Bencoolen wch. will Lessen the charges in those articles and may likewise be usefull in going over the Barrs to fetch Pepper.

29. The expence of repairing the Great house we fear w^ld^. rather exceed than fall short of the calculate made by our workmen should we sett about it and then it cannot be expected to be equally substantial with a new building wherefore we have resolved to lett it stand in the condition its now in till the Fort Walls and other new buildings are finished which [*sic*] more material and we shall not begin upon any new ones till those are done.

30. We shall go forward with our Fortifications in the manner you direct by carrying on the Flanks of the West Bastion the breadth of the Wall within the Line so that the rest may be finished according to the first designed we propose first to lay the foundation all round and raise all gradually till [it] be six or eight foot high all round us which [we] hope to effect in a little more than a twelve [mon]ths time if the bringing down the Bricks [fro]m Bencoolen answers our expectation having now got a large quantity of Chinam ready to work them up and if the Country continues in so perfect peace as it now is We shall venture to lay exposed till then and endeavour to save the Company that charge of making a new Paggar of Nebongs round the lines of the Fort which would be nearer half as long in making The Company having positively forbid us to make use of any They mistaking the bacca[w] Timbers such as made use of for the inclosure of cattle much preferable as they are more durable [...] and as they will last twenty or thirty years; but of this they must certainly have been misinform'd as that very Paggar is a proof to the contrary most of them Timbers so far as they are let in the ground being already rotten neither are they proper for a Fort or Factory Paggar not exceeding eight foot in Length and being crooked will not joyn close together as the Nebongs do besides the vast difference there is in the price between them Nebongs being but five Dollers ℔ hundred and Baccaw wood forty Dollers ℔ hundred. Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. being Judges in this affair We should be glad to know if we may presume to make use of them on such occasions notwithstanding the Company have wrote to the contrary for we find them proper for many uses without which the work must either stand still or put the company to greater expence than they are sensible of.

31. What effects we shall receive belonging to M^r^. Rich^d^. Farmer shall be detain'd in the Hono^ble^. Company's possession till your further orders in relating to the expence of the mudd wall which by our last account sent you amounted to Dollers ten thousand three hundred sixty two forty two Cash at that time which Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. order to be charged to M^r^. Farmers account together [with] his Associates that Joyned with him [in] the order for it. We are something at [a loss] how to act in this affair M^r^. Ellill being [...] concerned and is since dead insolvent [the on]ly survivors that signed to that order ar[e Messrs] Richard Farmer Jno. Kington and James Morris [besi]des some p^t^. of said summ was expended the first month of the

Present Dep[ty]. Gov[rs]. arrivall in carrying on the same and since is much increased by the charges of repairs thereupon as appears by the inclosed account. We desire to know what summ and in what proportion it must be charged to M[r]. Farmer & to each Person concerned.

32. We shall write to Bentall and enquire into the ꝑticulars of what expended by M[r]. Morris there on the like occasion and charge him with it according to your orders.

33. We shall also charge y[e]. purchase of M[r]. Ellill's house and the value of its materials to the account of M[r]. Farmer &c[a]. in the same manner as you shall direct in respect of the Mudd Wall.

34. The Tyles now receiv'd by the Metchlepatam are the right sort wrote for but are so indifferently burnt that they crumble like pye crust so that we are likely to receive but a few of the whole quantity sent us which will make them come out so dear that we shall desire no more of that sort but if you would be pleased to send us about a thousand of the round Tyles by the next ship which we design rather as a muster than for use we shall endeavour to gett them made here which we beleive may be done in the mean time we shall cover some single room with what we have rec'd and give Your Hon[r]. &c[t]. an account how they prove in our next what mill'd Lead we wrote for we designed for the covering the great house. We had then sheet Lead by us but it was judged [very] heavy for that use.

35. The Palmeera seeds we shall try in different soils we beleive they will do very well towards Kings clift or in the lower ground by the sea side where the Coco Trees thrives very well which are something of the same kind.

36. We have received no other Stores by the Metchlepatam for the use of the sloop but nails ; Teak Plank is what was most wanted for covering her bottom and should we use this Country Plank the Worms would soon take to it and she will never be able to do the Company that service as might be expected for the vast Summ she will cost them considering how much has already been laid out upon her the Particulars of which you shall have by the Brigantine. Teak plank is not to be had here and we should rather think it adviseable for the Company to sit down by the Loss of what has already been laid out upon her than to make her bottom of any thing else by which they might in the end suffer a much greater Loss.

37. Notwithstanding the order of Consultation the 20th. Aprill 1717 which you take notice of we do not find that any valuation was made of the Buildings of this place in complyance therewith for we find none bro[t]. forward in the Dead stock of the Gen[ll]. Books for that year but as we are now in a fair way of bringing up the Gen[ll]. Books in a regular method we shall carry forward the Buildings as part of the Dead Stock in the manner you direct as near as possible.

Sixthly touching Factors Writers Officers Soldiers & their Accompts.

38. We have already inform'd Your Hon[r]. &c[t]. of the particulars so far as we have been able to discover of the injustice done by M[r]. Farmer to the Hon[ble]. Company and Mess[rs]. Shyllinge and Garret but their accompts [being] so horridly confus'd and new discovery still made tis impossible for us to state [a final ac]count between him and the Hon[ble]. Company or Mess[rs]. Shyllinge & Garret till our [accounts are] brought up or we can hear what the [. . .] ꝑsons have to say in their own behalf.

39. Amongst the papers taken from M[r]. Farmer We found a note under his own hand to M[r]. Shylling impowering him to enlarge the Hermitage house so far as not to exceed six hundred Dollers for his moyety for w[ch]. purpose M[r]. Shyllinge had bought and laid in those materials which M[r]. Farmer took upon his unjust purchase of the house and has since disposed of great part of them but we cannot say for how much no part of the materials as we can learn belonging to the Hon[ble]. Company except the Bricks which they have alreddy taken care to charge M[r]. Garret with wherefore we think it but reasonable to charge M[r]. Farmer for M[r]. Shyllinges half of the Hermitage house

the sum̃ of Dollers thirteen hundred six hundred Dollers whereof being laid out on that account as ℘ his note and seven hundred Dollers being for the half of fourteen hundred Dollars which is the price the house was valued at when first bought into stock between them as appears by their account Currants.

40. That Mr. Ellill before his death began to repent of his being concerned in the late unjust prosecution of Messrs. Shyllinge & Garret. We are assured he did from the confession he made to severall persons before his departure ℘articularly Docter Wilson who is now in Bentall we shall get what information we [can] from him and hope to give Your Honr. &ct. [fur]ther proof thereof by the Brigantine.

41. Messrs. Newcome and Kington return Your Honr. &ca. thanks that you are pleased to pardon their imprudence in signing to what was contrary to their opinions and promise never to be guilty of the like for the future.

42. Mr. Farmer shall likewise be charged with the Loss Mr. Shyllinge sustain'd on the timbers and cooley coys according to your order. We have already answered to that part of your letter which relates to Mr. Shyllinges Goods in the Companys Warehouse under the head of Goods from Europe and Madrass to which we desire you to be referred.

43. Our utmost endeavours shall not be wanting to come at the truth of these proceedings against Messrs. Shyllinge and Garret and do both them and the company justice but it is so perplexed an affair that it will be a long time (if ever) before they appear in a true light.

44. We sent down Mr. Lewis Deane second of Council at Bentall on the 4th. of June last who we ordered with the assistance of Mr. Robert Dymond to examine into the Ballance of the Gentlemens accounts there for the month of October past and order'd him to be very strict in the examination who gave us an account that he could not find any wrong charge in any of them except some small errors in the Stewards accounts which were rectified and all their Ballances orderd to be paid after which we agreed to confirm Mr. William Ballet cheif of Bentall Mr. Lewis Deane second and Mr. William Bridger third of Council and residt. of Moco Moco till the Factory could be removed thither which they write us will be in a readiness to receive them by Christmass We have not suffered them to lay out [any of] the Compas. money in Buildings at [Bentall si]nce our arrivall but it will be convenient after their removall to Moco Moco to fit up [. . .] apartment for a resident half a Dozn. Sol[diers a]nd a few Buggeeze which we think [will be] necessary to be kept there to get in the [. . .] from the adjacent parts about them and this may be done out of the materials of the old house and other Buildings which are all now so much out of repair that they are in a manner unserviceable.

45. Mr. Strachan returns Your Honr. &ct. thanks for confirming to him his commission and Ensigns pay the number of our commission Officers being now reduced by Death and removall at Bentall and having few persons in our Millitary that we can confide in to succeed in commission he is now become as usefull in the Military as in the Surgery part.

46. Capt. Michael Jeddere having labourd under the distemper of the Boss for some years and finding it incurable in these parts he petitioned to lay down the Companys service in order to go to England by way of Madrass for his health and now takes his passage to you in this ship. We have given a Lieutenants commission to Ensign Robt: Scot to succeed Capt. Jeddere at Bentall he being our eldest Ensign and has behaved himself well both here and at Bentall for upwards of four years which hope Your Honr. &ct. will approve of.

47. Mr. Henry Lambton Writer likewise takes his passage in this ship to Madrass for his health by our Honble. Masters ℘mission.

48. Thô our revenues in this place are but few yet it will take up some time to compare them with the preceeding year and all our hands being fully employed We must[beg] leave to defer it till we write you by the Brigantine.

49. The Company have sent us in this trip four Factors one Writer & nine soldiers some of the Factors are pretty well acquainted with accounts they are all put under the Accomptant at ℘sent which will give them some insight in the Company's affairs in that Office designing to send such as are best qualified for that purpose to Bentall where they are the most wanted six of the soldiers are already sent to Bentall to releive the oldest of our standers there which rule we design to follow for the future the men being quite disheartned at living at that place any long time without being releived.

Seventhly touching Acco^{ts}.

50. Your Hon^r. &c^t. seem to be apprehensive the Gen^{ll}. Books cant be ballanced without having copys of those sent to England returnd us but to prevent such a delay our Accomptant has form'd a new pair from the monthly acco^{ts}. for the same year as those were that were sent which are now so far advanced that he assures us they will be ballanced in two or three days one copy of which will be sent to England ℘ the Benjamin and another shall be got ready to send to your Hon^r. &c^t. ℘ the Brigantine by this means the severall articles of stock especially the Buildings will be carried forw^d. at their true cost in the mean time that we are bringing up the Books that are behind hand Our Journall parcells for the ℘sent year are duely enterd & posted every month.

Supplement.

51. We have wrote to Bentall about the Debt due from M^r. Samuel Clark dec^d. to Govr. Collet and by the account Curr^t. of his Estate it already appears to have been [paid] but tis not said to whom thô in their pr[udent] Letters they tell us it was rec'd by M^r. Garr[et who] was then chief there. We have let the[m know] that M^r. Aylmer who was then secretary [and who] drew Commission upon the Estate is [accoun]table for the same if M^r. Garret has [not] already accounted with Govr. Collet for it M^r. Garret as we understand having no Lawfull power to demand it nor have they so much as taken his receipt for it wherefore beg leave to know whether We may recharge that Sum̃ to Fort S^t. George Presidency.

52. M^r. James Morris now takes his passage to you in this ship but upon search into his affairs we find he has conceal'd the Bulk of his estate and all his Accompts & papers whatsoever not having above four hundred dollers in ready cash and what we have sold at outcry will not amount to above as much more You'l see by our Consultation Book we have taken the most effectual methods to recover what possible but yet we have not been able to make very little Discoverys Capt. Martin has given us his word & honour that he has not himself conceald any part of the Effects of M^r. Farmer & Morris nor does not know of any such thing being done by any of his Officers we had no reason to suspect any of them except William Lamb the second mate wherefore his oath was tenderd him on that acco^t. and he has positively sworn to the contrary copy of his oath is enterd in our Consultation Book. We thought it vain to appoint any ℘son to have made a publick search in the ship on this occasion which we beleive would have been to little purpose they have so many opportunities to conceal it if they had already got any thing on board but we thought it better to trust to the Captain himself to make a strict search into his Officers Chests Cabbins and other suspicious places for which purpose [he] is gone aboard and has promised to give us a faithfull account on his return. Our endeavours shall not be wanting to make what [dis]covery we can on shore whether M^r. Farmer has done the same or not We can't tell not having yet taken an Inventory of his effects but we are apt to beleive he has not.

53. We are very sorry to hear of the Loss of ship Success and heartily wish our Honble. Masters better success for the future.

54. Our Honourable Masters having sent us by this ship a much larger quantity of Cordage than wrote for for the use of this place We have only taken out of her sufficient for upwards two years expence and continued the rest on board which may

be disposed of at Madrass and will only lie & rot here. Invoice and bill of Loading for that and some mint necessaries comes inclosed amot^s: to Dollars two thousand five hundred and seventy nine.

We have not to add but to wish Your Hon^r. &c^t. health & prosperity and remain

Fort Marlbro
November 29th. 1718.

Honble. S^r. &c^t.
Your most obed^t. & most hum^ble.
Serv^ts.

Thomas Cooke.
James Hubbard.
Step^n. Newcome.
Jno. Kington.
Willm. Palmer.

P.S.

Just now is arriv'd the Amelia from S^t. Helena who has brought [for us] sev^ll. Letters for Madrass Bengall & Bombay which we now send you herewith she [gave us an] account that the Thistleworth has [arrived th]ere with a full Lading of Pepper from [Benjarr] wch. gives us further incouragement to [send the] Amelia thither the Hannover has also [arriv'd] there from Madrass but not the Duke of Cambridge doubtless the Letter from thence to your Hon^r. &c^t. wch. comes inclosed will inform you of what shipping arrived there. We have no further News from Our Honble. Masters by this Ship than duplicate of what wrote us by the Queen.

This minute is come in about thirty five baharr of pepper from Cattown and about thirty more is come in from single deMoon since writing the foregoing which with what we have in our Godowns here and at Sillebar is more than sufficient to fill up the Benjamin.

We have deliverd to Capt. Martin a Moddell of the Mill for grinding of Sugar Canes directed to Your Hon^r. &c^t. which is very much wanted. The two round parts that grind is to be made of a hard stone. The frame which is wood may be done here so that the stones is all that is wanted and must be cut out in the form of the modell which is made very exact in proportion as one inch is to one foot. We desire they may be got ready to be sent us by the first Ship if possible.

Novr. 30th. 1718.

Wee refer your Hon^r. &c^t. to our Consultation of 31st. Octr. in reference to one of the Companys Coffrees who has been guilty of murther & desire your orders about it having forgot to insert it in the foregoing part of the Letter.

The account of the Turf wall could not be got ready to come by this conveyance which shall be sent you by the Brigantine.

Thomas Cooke.
James Hubbard.
Step^n. Newcome.
John Kington.
William Palmer.

No. 15

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t. and Governour of Forts
S^t. George and S^t. David &c^t.
Council.

Honble. S^r. &c^t.

1. Inclos'd comes our account of the Honble. Companys Cash for last month.

2. Our Cowle for the Arrack Farm is expired of which notice is given by papers affixed at all publick places in order to the granting another Cowle but as yet no

bidders have appear'd and the last Renters being considerable loosers We shall find it difficult to bring others up to the same Terms of fourteen hundred and fifty Pagodas ℔ annum.

3. We send our Warehousekeepers List of packing Stuff &ca. wanting here, and We most respectfully subscribe

Fort St. David
Febry. the 7th. 1718/9.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Your most obedt. humble Servants

Fras. Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matt Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Sim: Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

No. 16

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Our last to you was [sent by the Su]ccess Capt. Benjamin Graves of the 2d. [July s]ince wch. we have rec'd yours of the 11th. [Febry.] 1716/7 ℔ the Prince Frederick of the 7th. Augt. by the King William and 26th. September 1717 ℔ the Malrbrô with the severall Invoices and Stores laden upon them for this Place which proved very well and were of great use to Us for which we return our thanks.

The things we are at present in greatest need of are, Course double threaded Callicoes made into Shirts either blew or white and course checquerd Shirts ready made and rice or Batavia arrack.

And we pray you that you would insert in your Directions to any of the Commanders of your Shipping that in case they should touch at the Cape of Good Hope in their passage homeward bound that they would buy a few garden Seeds of every or any sort for the use of this place and we should think ourselves undr. very great obligations to them if any of them could possibly procure and bring us from them a good Stock of Bees which in case we had any of that species we should not doubt of improveing for the benefit of this place. We are

Union Castle
Sr. Helena.
August ye. 26th. 1718.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Your humble Servants

Isaac Pyke.
Matt: Bazett.
Antips. Tovey.

No. 17

To Mr. Joshua Draper
Secretary at Fort St. George.

Sr.

The Pattamars dispatchd from hence for your Port the 3d. Instant having at their request as Companys Servants been advanced forty Rupees I give you this notice thereof by the Presidents order that they may account for it again. I am

Bombay Castle
Decr. ye. 8th. 1718.

Sr.
Your most humble Servant
Owen Phillips
Secry.

These Pattamars requesting to be advanced the same summ the Presid^{t}. has granted it and also promised them if they reach you in thirty days a gratuity of twenty rupees more which he desires may be comply'd with.

Idem

OWEN PHILLIPS,
Secr^{y}.

No. 18

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. AND GOVERN^{R}.
OF FORTS S^{T}. GEORGE AND S^{T}.
DAVID &C^{T}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

1. Your favour of the 4th. came to hand the 7th. at night with duplicate Letter and Invoice of Stores under the 30 Ult^{o}. by Sloop Dartmouth that is not yet in sight.

2. According to your orders we send at foot hereof an exact List of all our bales as ꝑ contract and agreement. Our Merchants have deliver'd the whole quantity of cloth in their sev^{ell}: proportions to the Washers and if rains dont hinder We shall make up all the[se] Bales next month they have likewise brought [to] their Godowns more cloth which if Your [Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.] please may be deliver'd to the Washers to [have them] employ'd till we receive your orders about [the oth]er contract.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
FEBRY Y^{E}. 10 1718/9.

We most respectfully subscribe
HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.
Your most obedient humble Servants

FRA^{S}. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN.
THO^{S}. WRIGHT.
SIM^{O}. HOLCOMBE.
ROB^{T}. BROOKE.

A LIST OF BALES.

Imbaled	1051
At the Washers & beaters wch. we expect to sort this month ...	260
D^{o}. next month	380
	1691
Sent to Fort S^{t}. George	799
Totall of contract & agreem^{t}. ...	2490

No. 19

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^{t}. & Governour
of Forts S^{t}. George & S^{t}.
David &c^{t}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

We have rec'd in good condition the wares and Stores by Sloop Dartmouth and now send her back with a Loading of twenty four Bales amounting to Pag^{s}. eleven hundred fourty four five fanams & fifty eight cash as ℔ Invoice which with Bill of Loading is enclosed.

Fort S^{t}. David
Febry the 12th. 1718/19.

We most Respectfully Subscribe
Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.
Your most obedient hum^{ble}.
Servants
Fra^{s}. Hastings.
Jno. Berlu.
M. Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wrigt.
Sim^{o}. Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

No. 20

To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr. Presid^{t}. & Governour
of Fort S^{t}. George &c^{t}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

On the 4th. Ins^{t}. arrived Ship Page with Your Hon^{r}. &c^{ts}. Letter dated the 30 Ult^{o}. and the Master delivered us the Treasure you were pleased to send us in the expence of which we assure you we shall be as frugall as possible but as it came in Pagodas we must beg leave to represent to your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. what great Sufferers our Millitary and other Servants will be considering the low rate that coin is at and the price Provisions are now with us as the one lessens in value so the other will daily grow dearer.

2. The Transcriber of the Bill of exchange begs pardon for the omission therein and we promise to be more exact when we have occasion to make use of that Liberty for the future this being w^{t}. material We have not further but respectfully subscribe

Vizagapatam
February the 6th. 1718/9.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.
Your most obliged and obedient
humble Servants
Corn^{s}. Moll.
Jno. Blunt.

No. 21

To the Honble. Joseph Collet
Esqr. Presid^{t}. & Govr. of Forts
S^{t}. George & S^{t}. David &c^{t}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

By Ship Young Derby that arriv'd here the 21st. We received your favour of the 16th. wth. Invoice and bill of Loading for Goods & Stores loaden upon her which are accordingly deliverd and in three or four days We shall send back the ship with a loading of our Honourable Masters Bales.

On the 22^{d}. came to hand your favour of the 8th. by Peons overland with [. . .] thousand Pag^{s}. of which as also of the Derbys [. . .] M^{r}. Hastings gave the Honourable Governor [an imm]ediate advice.

No bidders coming for the Arrack Licence We this morning put it up at publick Sale where we could not raise the price to more than eleven hundred Pagodas so that the Farm remains in our hands till we receive Your Hon^{r}. &c^{ts}. further ord^{rs}. ye Dearness of Rice is a publick calamity by which the old Renters have been great loosers and so long as it continues others can expect no better fortune since those people who in times of cheapness of Grain could afford to drink Arrack can hardly save their Familys from starving wherefore wth. Your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. permission rather than the Farm should decrease We would propose to those that take it a term of four or five years that there may be a chance to get by one what they loose by another.

We send inclos'd our Merchants acc^{ts}. for last month with a List of the severall sorts of Bales in our Godowns at the Beaters and Washers begging your pardon for our omission in not sending it in time to go by the King George.

We shall send as soon as possible another day Book of the Young Derbys expences and most respectfully subscribe

FORT S^{T}. DAVID — HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{r}.

FEBRY Y. 24TH. 171$\frac{8}{9}$. — Your most obed^{t}. humble servants

FRA^{S}. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATT: WELD.
ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN.
THO^{S}. WRIGHT.
SIM^{O}. HOLCOMBE.
ROB^{T}. BROOKE.

No. 22

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. UNITED COMPANY
OF MERCHANTS TRADING
TO THE EAST INDIES & GOV^{R}.
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{r}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{r}.

I shall now in pursuance to your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. orders give you the necessary advices of all occurrences & matters relating the R^{t}. Honble. Companys affairs here having first acquainted you with the time of my arrivall which was on Monday the 12th. Ult^{o}. between four and five in the evening I cant say anything material happen'd upon my Journey but indeed I met with a great deal of fatigue being no less than sixteen days upon the Road notwithstanding I used all the means & endeavours for the speediest attaining the Place.

I should have been glad to have found some account of the things lying in the Factory whereas now I am forced to rely upon the conicoplys Cajans and for want of an Inventory I cant see whats missing since they were first brought to an entry but it may reasonably be supposed there's a great deficiency since then as knowing the best of the blacks have not honesty enough to resist the advantage of such opportunitys. The most part of what is left is no better than rubish and lumber as Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. may observe ℘ the inclosed List these things having laid a Long time unmov'd have occasiond a great deal of filth and nastiness in the Godowns in which some part of them were in a manner bury'd & lying confusedly together have served to harbour a vast number of Vermin but Bandicotes in particular which have undermin'd in severall [places] near the walls what I found could be mended and brought to use again I have separated [in the o]ther Godown as likewise the things that

[were brou]ght here upon the account of Dieu Island [amongst] which I found a box containing six Dozens [dri]nking Glasses that was broke open for which reason I enquir'd if that was the right number but no body could or would inform me but I suppose Messrs. Harris & Sanderson has an account of them if Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. should think fit the things belonging to this Factory. Ill keep of them whats just necessary for use and dispose of the rest at publick outcry for indeed the greatest part is not worth Godown room and by keeping they'll be in a worser condidion (if possible) than they are in already they are so bad that I dont beleive the whole will fetch twenty Pagodas.

I did design long before this to have gone to Madapollam but was hindered by having an intermitting feaver upon me these seventeen days proceeding (they tell me) from the change of water so that I can give Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. no account yet of the condition of those Factorys but I hear sev^ll^. house moveables are there likewise spoiling in the Godowns if I may have your Hon^r^. &c^t^. leave will send for them up here in a Boat & dispose of them together with the things that are in this Factory.

The Braminy telling me that the Garden at Madapollam goes to ruin for want of more Gardners I have appointed two more with this prospect that I shall make the produce of it in some part defray that charge if not the whole.

Hearing there's another Garden belonging to the R^t^. Honble. Company at a place called Peddana about nine miles from hence under the Government of Culdinde Bungarauze the Cheif Polligarr or ruler of Madapollam and those parts I sent a Peon to bring me an account of the Trees and the condition it was in, He tells me there are upwards of forty Mangoe Trees severall Cajue and Jumbulum Trees and upwards of two hundred large Toddy Trees that produce y^e^. Liquor besides a vast number of Young Trees that are most come to perfection. It is a very large spot of Ground and they say if care was taken of it, it might be let out and be of advantage to the Company but standing by the high way and no people to look after it, The Travellers have broke down the inclosure in many places and carry away the fruit and break down the branches for firewood and do what they please as if there was no proprietor to the said Garden.

The Pales that enclosed the back yard are most of them taken away which they tell me the Soldiers made use of for fire wood and those that are left are so loose & rotten that a little wind may blow them down likewise the cookroom and other Buildings joyning with it which are within y^e^. said circuit are quite gone to ruin with submission I give it as my opinion it would be better they were pull'd down and the bricks saved for some other occasion for they are no manner of use and to repair them would cost very near as much as rebuilding them from the foundation. The Wall that separated the two front yards of the Factory is intirely demolished and the house wants to be new coated with Chinam to prevent its being obnoxious to the whether rain or the ensuing Land winds by which the walls being of Palmeras will be apt to warp & split I cant say there is a whole rattan frame upon any door or window in the whole ffactory and severall of the window shetters [are ready] to fall to peices and the doors with large hole['s] knaw'd at [the bott]om by the Bandi[cotes] two rooms under the stair case want to be new floored for severall of the Boards are started and the rest so rotten that tis not safe for one to walk upon them Likewise the inside of the walls above stairs wants new plastering in many places and the whole to be white washed I am really sorry to find the Factory in so miserable a condition and that I have been obliged to trouble Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. with so long a relation of it but I thought it behoved me to be as particular as I found there was occasion that so Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. may the better judge of whats necessary to be done towards the repairing in which I shall take care exactly to follow your orders.

When I spoke to Your Hon^r^. about entertaining some more Peons Your Hon^r^. was pleasd to give me leave to keep as many as I found were really wanting however I think it's my duty first to advise Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. the number before I enter them to know if you approve of the same I shall want four to send backwards & forwards with Letters for they never go less than two together and as they return I must send the other two my orders being to write every month or oftner as I shall

find there's an occasion and the charge of hiring Peons is equivalent to the keeping them in the service for I must pay them five Rups. each when I hire them and if in the service three rupees for their monthly wages and two rupees each for their Batty besides when they are entertaind as constant Servants I can better depend upon their safe delivering the Letters and their speedier return wth. the answers To trust to the Merchants sending Peons is very uncertain and precarious for I may sometimes stay twenty or thirty days for an answer till they have finish'd their own Business before they return [home] our own Peons may bring an answer [in about] ten days time.

I here send Your Honr. &ct. my account of last months disbursements amounting to Pags. one hundred seventy two one fanam & seventy three cash and beg if there be any thing amiss in the method you'l be pleased to excuse it there being here copy of the former accounts but what directions are sent me shall be exactly followed.

Coja Gee has sent me word that out of esteem for the friendship he had with my father he shall be ready to do me any Service that lyes in his power both in relation to the Company and my own private affairs but I have not yet been to visit him (thô he has sent me word he should be glad to see me) for I have not any thing that's suitable for a present for him.

Before I conclude I am bound to return Yr. Honr. &ct. thanks for your favour in constituting me second of Dieu Island for which Title there's a particular respect shewn me here but I find [it] is expected I should carry a little state which I hope Your Honr. &ct. will take into consideration that the more esteem I bear the greater regard there will be shewn to the Companys affairs here which I shall always take care to maintain with honour & credit and am with the greatest respect

METCHLEPATAM
FEBRUARY YE. 19TH. 1718/9.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.
Your most Obedt. and obliged
humble. Servant
HUMPRY: HOLCOMBE

No. 23

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE HONBLE. UNITED ENGLISH
EAST INDIA COMPANY &CT.
COUNCIL IN FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

[Our] Last to you was of the 30 [November] ⅌ ship Queen copy of which you will [find] enter'd in our Book of Letters sent. We have since dispatch'd the Benjamin for England on the 11th. Inst. who we were obliged to keep some days longer than designed before the Pepper could be got on board and the Generall Books compleated which were finished and forwarded by her coppys of which we now send for Your Honr. &cts. perusall as also coppy of our Genll. Letter to the Honble. Court of Directors ⅌ said Ship to which desire you will please to be referrd wherein we have endeavoured to give them a very exact account of their affairs here and if we have neglected any material circumstances in our former advices to Your Honr. &ct. very likely you may find them incerted in said Letter We shall here add that we think further worth your notice under the usuall heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. So soon as we had dispatch'd the Benjamin we immediately set about sending away the Amelia for Benjarr we were in a manner obliged to send Mr. James Hubbard & Capt. John Irving Supra cargoes they being the most proper persons this place afforded for such an expedition besides we were willing to favour Mr. Hubbard what we could by giving him a smll. respit from the generall Books with which he had

mett with a very great fatigue and Mr. Mackey has undertaken to get the next pair in a readiness to ballance against his return and we found it absolutely necessary to send Capt. Irving he being well acquainted with the Trade and people there and is a perfect master of the Language. We thought We could not do [much] for the Companys Interest than in the choice we have made for should we have sent Persons unexperienced We could have had no dependance on their succeeding. We have sent with them Mr. John Clarke Factor as their Assistant that he may qualifye himself to be sent on the like occasion if it should ever be required all our servants [be]ing strangers that way Your Honr. &ct. will f[avour] copy of their instructions in our Book of Letters sent which were signed & past the 17th. Inst. but the Boats have been so employ'd that they could not sail all this day.

3. In the pacquet you will receive a particular account Currt. of the George Brigantine since her departure from Fort St. George.

4. You will likewise receive an account of what already charged to the Sloop begun by the Honble. President when here amounting to Dollers eighteen hundred & nine two Sucas & sixty eight cash. We are now fitting out a prow to Java on purpose for Teak plank if she succeeds We shall set to work about her again since we have Your Honr. &cas. orders for so doing if they are not contradicted.

5. The Company do in their Letter by the Queen earnestly press us to employ their Slaves in boats of their own for loading & unloading their Ships We shall either buy or so soon as conveniency will permitt sett about building one or two Boats for that purpose but we beleive it would be much cheaper and safer to the Compa: if we could be supply'd with a dozn. good Lascars from Madrass to be entertain'd in our Gunroom who will beleive would be glad to come over at less than four Dollars ℔ month and understand that business and would be serviceable to us in many other occasions when the Boats are not wanted besides they wou'd Load and unload the boats with very little other assistance which is now done by our slaves and takes up [a] great part of their time the credit for the [...] labour is four Dollars [and] an half ℔ month which must be wholly charged to that account if they are so employ'd besides we must be at the charge of Guardians for each Boat to look after them which will make it come out much dearer than Lascarrs and we beleive all hazards included will not make the real charge any thing less than it is at present considering the Profit on the Goods with which the Company pay their Boat hire.

6. The Undertaker's Lighter we advised of in our last is now finished and has made sevll. trips over Bencoolen Barr with Bricks Sugar and Arrack and performs very well which will encourage us to build some of the same on the Companys account when our other Business will permitt.

7. The Ship Queen was off Moco Moco the 7th. December and we have since had favourable winds here to carry her up the Coast which gives us hopes that she is arrived with You before now.

Secondly concerning Goods from Europe or Madrass.

8. When we wrote you last under this head we were wholly unmindfull of the necessity there is of ordinary white Long Cloth for purchase of pepper &ct at Bentall which they are now in great want of and there is none of those Goods amongst Mr. Shyllinge's We have sent them what last recd ℔ ship Metchlepatam which we hope may serve them till we can be further supply'd from you. We shall also be in want of clothing for the slaves both here & there for which use there is no goods so proper as Phootas wherefore we desire Your Honr. &ct. will please to supply us with twenty Bales of ordinary white Long Cloth and ten bales of Phootas by the first opportunity and if you can poss[ibly] spare us any midling or royall paper for our accounts with some Quills it will be of singular Service for our General Books and copy's of our accounts for England & Madrass and what we have sent to Bentall has quite expended our last supply from England.

THIRDLY AS TO INVESTMENT OF GOODS—PROPER FOR EUROPE.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF SUMATRA IN GENERALL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERN^T.

9. We have some prospect of a plentifull crop of Pepper this year having since the Benjamin's loading receiv'd near one hundred Baharrs into our Godowns here and at Sillebar and the Country People tell us that the quantity of Pepper now on the Trees is very considerable. We do not hear they have yet got in any at Bentall where the Country still remains very quiet and if so continues they must certainly be able to give us some assistance towards sending home a ship from hence in October besides the Amelia which if she succeeds we are in hopes we may be able to do.

10. We now send Your Hon^r. &c^t. what sugar we can conveniently spare as ℔ the inclosed invoice but the Arrack is so far short of its strength that it consumes but little more than one quarter in burning which by contract ought to be one half We had in our Letter promised the Company a muster of it wherefore we sent them one Leaguer with a muster whereof but have told them the defect and have promised to send them some better by the next opportunity. We also sent two Leaguers of the same to S^t. Helena thô our Undertaker had put [it] off to the last day that he would bring in some that should be proof for that purpose but at last deceived us and as we had mentioned it in our Letter we were loath to disappoint them, this being the first that had been sent tho ^ tis said in the Letter by the Rochester that a muster was sent them on that ship. We have sent ten Leaguers more for the expence of this place being unwilling to send it to Your Hon^r. &c^t. as tis so far short of its goodness. We have orderd the storekeeper for the future to receive none till he has first try'd it in a silver proof.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

11. Our first business after the dispatch of these Ships shall be to line out the Fort in wch. We already apprehend some difficulty to make it agreeable to your orders by bringing the flanks of the West Bastion the thickness of the Wall within the line and so to carry on the rest in the same proportion as first designed there are many obstacles that will prevent us from fully complying therewith the first may be easily perceived in the plan which is that the corner of the Southwest buildings reaches within three foot of the Flank as it now stands and should we bring those Flanks further in to carry on the Fortification according to the first design the curtains will fall upon the Buildings all round the Fort as plainly appears by the plan, the Brick pedestalls on which the exterior part of our Buildings are supported being marked with red and fall just between the two black lines designed for the Curtains another difficulty will be to avoid the vault adjoyning to the East Bastion which lays under ground & does not plainly appear to you in the plan where the walls must [pass] and there is no foundation to support them which will require some contrivance in laying out the Ground so as to es[cape] which we beleive must be by lengthning the curtains a small matter and the other three Bastions may still be made in a smaller graduation so as to defend one another. We cannot yet pretend to give you any true description till [the] whole is lin'd out when we shall send you another plan of our design in which we shall endeavour as near as possible to comply with your orders.

12. When we come to carry on this building we shall be obliged to employ a great number of Malay Workmen who we beleive would be willing to work near fifty ℔ Cent less in ready money than to receive half in Goods as they now do which would make the buildings come out much cheaper and indeed the Company would save more by it than the profit they make in paying one half in Goods which if Your Hon^r. &c^t. approve of we shall endeavour to put in practice and we are of opinion the Buggeses must be persuaded to receive their pay at the same rate.

13. Our Revenues at present are only the Arrack and Opium License which is now let at two hundred dollars ℔ month and we fear is more than we shall be able to make of it the next year thô we shall use our endeavours to increase it as much as possible. We now send you the account compared with the two preceeding years.

whereby you will find the most considerable abated are the gaming license & the anchorage on Prows the former we do not think convenient to attempt retreiving till the Country has been well setled at lea[st] for one year when we shall endeavour it if Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. approve thereof or entirely to suppress it, the latter we find has been given up by M^r^. Farmer to the Pangarans without any order or consent of his Council that we can find We have last year receiv'd a small matter on that account for Prows anchor'd at Sillebar and we propose to do the same next year on all prows that come into carrang if Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. do not disapprove thereof for we find the Pangarans do exact it from some and for want of authority others do refuse to pay it and if this be continued in their hands they will soon pretend a right to it as one of their ancient priviledges which if timely taken into the Companys revenues may be prevented.

14. The account of the Turf wall in this place is now sent you according to promise in our last also the account of that at Bentall built by M^r^. Morris.

Sixthly touching Factors Writers Officers Soldiers & their Accounts.

15. M^r^. Farmer is now sent you on the Brigantine. We have seized and taken into our possession all the effects we could find belonging to him Inventory of which with a List of his debts and account of his outcry. We now send you also his Account Currant and M^r^. Morris's which we were obliged for want of time to send you imperfect and have left blanks for what he is to be charged with on account the Turf wall and M^r^. Ellills house till your farther orders the account and valuation of which are now sent you.

16. We also send you copy's of M^r^. Farmer's private accounts with M^r^. Shyllinge and severall other material papers found in his possession upon the search made by order of Consultation in June last all transcribed in one book with copys of some remarks on the charge against Messrs. Shyllinge & Garret made by the late Dep^ty^: Govr. & Council besides which the Dep^ty^. Govr. has sent to the Honble. President severall affidavits and attestations relating to the proceedings of M^r^. Farmer &c^t^. in the prosecution of those Gentlemen which doubtless he will communicate to you and we beleive they will be accounted as sufficient proofs of his injustice.

Seventhly touching Accounts.

17. Our Paymasters Warehousekeepers pepper godownkeepers resident of Sillebars and Stewards accounts are now sent you from pri mo May last to which desire you will please to be referr'd.

18. We have presumed to draw bills on Your. Hon^r^. &c^t^. for Dollers three hundred & fifty payable at ten days after sight to the treasurer and Trustees for the time being of the charity school of Fort S^t^. George for value rec'd into the Honble. Companys Cash here of which desire your acceptance and hope it will not be deem'd as a breach of orders being for so small a summ which the Gentlemen of this place have contributed towards that charitable Undertaking in hopes the poor Children here may partake of the advantage. We have ventured to recommend to them William Higby the son of Ensign John Higby dec^d^. about six years of age and [Isa]bella the daughter of Peter Verdinando Smyth about six years of age who is very poor and unable to maintain her Capt. Middleton has promised to take care of them in their passage and the Dep^ty^. Govr. has order'd care to be taken them in Madrass till they are accepted of or otherways provided for. We have severall other objects of charity here which if Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. please to interceed for us that a vacancy may be kept for one child from hence in two years or oftner if occasion shall be We shall take

all opportunitys to raise further contributions towards their maintenance. We have not to add but that we are with all Respect

FORT MARLBOROUGH

JANUARY THE 20TH. 171 8/9.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

Your most obedient humble. Servts.

THOMAS COOKE.
JAMES HUBBARD.
STEPN. NEWCOME.
JNO. KINGTON.
WILLM. PALMER.

No. 24

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last was the 3d. Inst. ℔ Ship King George Duplicate of which comes herewith we deliver'd her dispatches that night to the Purser and the 9th. Inst. Capt. Lewis advises he was clear of the Pylot and under sail with a fair gale at North North-East so that we hope he will arrive with you in time for a seasonable dispatch to Great Brittain.

The 2[5] Inst. went hence Capt. Thomas Collet Commander of ship Grantham with his dispatches down to his Ship at Coxes where she being fully laden for Great Britain with a cargoe amounting to rupees seven hundred thirty three thousand five hundred and seventy and nine pice his dispatches was deliver'd him the 24th. he sail'd the next morning & doubtless is well out at sea before this tho our Pylot is not yet return'd.

Our Honble. Masters Ships are all dispatch'd and are gone with a larger Investment than has been made this many years we having laden on the four ships for Great Brittain upwards of twenty Laack & a half of Rupees besides Stores sent for the use of your Presidency and what sent to St. Helena they having so early dispatch we make no doubt with the blessing of God but they will meet with a pleasant & speedy passage home.

Since dispatch of our Ships we have taken into consideration the sending up the Timbers to Vizagapatam a few of which we have been necessitated to make use of occasiond by a great scarcity in this place but the greatest obstacle is as all shipping go fully laden from Bengall wherefore no body will take such Lu[m]ber on freight and we find to send one of the Companys sloops on purpose with them [will] cost twice or thrice as much as the Timbers [are] worth and we know of nothing else we can send to Vizagapatam to bear the expence besides as Your Honr. &ct. write you cant supply them from your Presidency till your Pegue Ship[s] arrive we presume they usually are with You in March so that they may be supplyd afresh from you within a trifle as soon as its possible th[ey] should get these should we send them as soon as we can.

We [are] at a great expence here in levelling & smoothing our Walks as being [...] to be at them smooth with peices of wood which take up abundance of Cooleys

a few good rotten Stones would save a great part of them wherefore we desire you would please to supply us with half a dozen by the Shipping from Yr. Port. We are

Fort William
30th January 1718/9.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Your very humble Servants
Samuel Feake.
Jno. Williamson.
William Spencer.
Waterw Collet.
John Eyre.

No. 25

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Forts St. George & St. David &ct. Council

Honble. Sr. &ct.

This accompanys our Honble. Masters Ship the Young Derby with two hundred Bales amots. to Pags. eleven thousand eight hundred & four twelve fanams & sixty one Cash as ℔ Invoice & bill of Loading inclosed According to your orders we should have likewise sent upon this Ship Young Narrans effects or rather house moveables but as you'l observe by the List inclos'd they are not worth the freight of so many bales as must have been left out to make room for them. We have rec'd into the Honble. Companys Cash here ninety Pags. for a house of said Narrans sold here at publick Outcry & shall wait your further orders about the House moveables & most respectfully subscribe

Fort St. David
March ye. 4th: 1718/9.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
Fras. Hastings.
John Berlu.
Mattw. Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Simo. Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

No. 26

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Governour of Forts St. George & St. David &ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

This serves to inclose o[ur] account of the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash for last month with an Invoice for sixty two bags of Horse Gramm loaden upon the Young Derby.

Fort St. David
7th March 1718/9.

We most Respectfully Subscribe
Honble. Sr. &ct.
Your most Obedt. Humble. Servts.
Fras: Hastings.
John Berlu.
Matthew Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simo. Holcombe.
Robert Brooke.

No. 27

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. and Governour &c^t^.
Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

Having advices just now bro^t^: me of the Nabobs being arrived at a place called Gondure about nine miles from hence occasions [my] forwarding these Peons with all expedition to carry your Hon^r^. &c^t^. the news which I hope will arrive in time enough to have your answer before his departure here. He has with him they tell me a retinue of one thousand Horse & two thousand Foot and designs to-morrow or next day at furthest to come to the Fort at Inamundrew the place of Coja Gees Residence which is hard by the R^t^. Honble. Companys Garden, Coja Gee has herein removed his Family to another habitation that the Fort may be clean'd out and all other necessary preparations be made for accommodating His Excellency the Nabob and he has order'd a parcell of small Gold & silver flowers to be made which he designs to strew upon him when he accosts him at the Fort Gate His Excellency designs after spending two or three days at Inamundrew to visit Metchlepatam and to live in the house that the new Company dwelt in which is so near this Factory that it overlooks it; Wherefore I am afraid the omission of paying my respects to him will be the more resented especially after the Dutch and all the cheif Inhabitants have been to visit him should I go & not carry him a present will make me look ridiculous in acting what's so contrary to their custom and should he send for me and I excuse my going it will be taken as a great affront and may be of prejudice to the affair of Dieu Island where he designs to go from hence and by report to devest Upperaw of the Governm^t^. Wherefore I presume Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. will judge this the fittest opportunity to have a conference with him relating thereto which tis the opinion of everyone we may easily obtain of him at this Juncture and save a great deal of charge which we must unavoidable be at should we have occasion to make our application to him at another time when he's at a greater distance besides tis to be fear'd that the Dutch may interfere and ingratiating themselves by their presents may upon their request have his grant for the Place their Peons are now with him with orders to give them notice when the Nabob decamps designing to meet him upon his approach [at] Inamundrew Fort and they are now getting ready spice, Sandall, Broad Cloth &c^t^. to make him a present of when he arrives at Metchlepatam what the result of this his coming may be, I hope I shall be able to [deliver your Hon^r^. &c^t^. ... in my next, till] then I [have] nothing more to insert but my humble respects to the board and that your commands shall always be obsequiously followd by

Metchlepatam
2^d^. March 1718/9

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Your most obedient and obliged
humble Servant
Humphry Holcombe.

No. 28

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govern^r^. of Forts S^t^.
George & S^t^. David &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

1. Our Honble. Masters Ship Queen Capt^t^. Jno: Martin Comm^r^. arrived here the 14th. with your favour dated the 6th. of which M^r^. Hastings gave the Honble. Govr. immediate advice. We have rec^d^ the Wares & Stores as mention'd in the bill of Loading and according to your orders have already put on board her five hundred Bales & purpose to dispatch her to you with a full loading the 26th. Instant.

2. We rec'd overland a copy of the forementioned Letter and agreeable to your permission gave publick notice for letting out the Arrack Farm for three or four years but as yet no substantial Person has offer'd to take it at those terms and we stay for severall of our Inhabitants that are in the Country before we propose five years time.

We most Respectfully subscribe
HONBLE. SR. &CT.

FORT ST. DAVID

21ST. OF MARCH 1718/9.

Your most obedt. humble. Servants

FRAS. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROBT. BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
SIMO. HOLCOMBE.
ROBT. BROOKE.

No. 29

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR. OF FORTS
ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

This comes by ship Queen Capt. Jon. Martin Commr. with Invoice for one thousand Bales of Callicoes loaden upon her on account of risque of our Rt: Honble: Masters amounting to Pags. fifty five thousand six hundred thirty three nineteen fanams seventy two Cash which with a bill of Loading is inclos'd and we most respectfully Subscribe

FORT ST. DAVID

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

25 MARCH 1719.

Your most obedt. humble: Servants

FRAS. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTW. WELD.
ROBT. BERRIMAN.
THOS. WRIGHT.
SIMO. HOLCOMBE.
ROBT. BROOKE.

No. 30

TO THE HONBLE: JOSEPH COLLET
ESQR. PRESIDT. & GOVERNR. &CT
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

We take this opportunity to forward our List of Demands of what we shall be in want for the expence of this Factory.

We desire Your Honr. &ct. will please to advise us the price of those Gun[......] from on board Ship Mary we being at ℗sent at a Loss to bring them to account.

Sanna Oula Cawn late Nabob with two of Shamut Cawns Sons passed by this place in their way to Court the 14th. Ult°. Arab Begg Cawn our Seerlascar is set out from Rajahmundrum but we are advised he will stay a month at Cassimcoat and then he designs to make war with the Mergola Rajah if any thing material should happen we shall be sure to inform Your Honr. &ct. in the interim we are with the greatest Respect

VIZAGAPATAM
7TH. MARCH 1718/9.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.
Your most obliged and obedt. humble Servants
CORNS. MOLL.
JOHN BLUNT.

No. 31

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF AND FOR ALL THE AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH NATION ON THE COAST OF CORMANDELL &CT.
COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

Duplicate of our last to Your Honr. &ct. under the 3d. Decr. comes herewith by which we advise that our Fleet was gone down the Coast in hopes to bring Angria's Grabbs to an engagement or burn them in harbour at Vissundroog they found one but the fire vessell unhappily blowing up by a Shot from the enemy before She could gett on board her frustrated that design proceeding to Carrwarr to clean they met with Angria's Fleet from whom they retook four prizes there being but light winds [the] Grabs got away since which sollicits for a peace and Sou Rajah whom [he] sometimes owns as his Master interceeding [in his] behalf We agreed to set a foot a Treaty on his promise to deliver up all the English Prisoners as earnest of his good intentions but as yet find little likelyhood of its coming to any thing.

2. The Nabob of Surat having Lower'd his demands to seventy thousand rupees for himself and Deputy with a present to the city Officers we comply'd therewith on consideration that the customs due amount to forty thousand. The Originall Phirmaund being sent to Surat under the care of Mr. Walter Brown and produced in the Publick Durbar and returned us again gives us hopes the Affair will meet with a favourable conclusion.

The 4th. January arrived the Joseph Captn. Keble from Persia by whom we are advised there has been no disturbance from the Government lately but expect on the arrival of our ships (unless we comply with their Demands) to hear farther from them since which we have had no news from thence but dayly expect the return of our Ships. That ship sail'd the 13th. Instant (under convoy of the Addison) for your Port.

On the 30th. Decr. we dispatch'd the Morrice Capt. Peacock for Great Brittain but was forced to detain her for Company she [meet]ing off the mouth of our Harbour wth. five of Angria's Grabs on the 10th. January she saild in Company with the Stanhope Capt. Pitt down the Coast [to] compleat their Lading for England On the 13th. Inst. sail'd [. . .] with part of her cargo to fill up at Calli[cut].

We shall put the Supracargoes of your Ships in mind of taking in Rice at Malore for the supply of your Port.

We think it proper to advise Your Honr. &ct. that we have raised our Rupees to the Su[rat] standard having found them by an essay [to be] one ℔ cent courser than

the new ones lately coined by Heyder Cooley Cawn to prevent the consequences that might attend the refusing in the Mogulls Dominions we have made [use] of this precaution which we hope will meet with the desired Success. We are.

BOMBAY CASTLE

18TH. FEBRUARY 171$\frac{8}{9}$.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.

Your most affectionate
Freinds & humble. Servants

CHARLES BOON.
LAUce : PARKER.
JNO. BRADDYL.
JNO. COURTNEY.
BLACKETT MIDFORD.

No. 32

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF MADRASS

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.

Your Honrs. &ct. of the 24th. December [and] the 27th. past month when was dispatching two Galvetts express to Carwarr for convoys for the China and Bay Shipping took the opportunity of forwarding the Pacquet and Letters that came by that conveyance.

It is with satisfaction read the Success of Your Honr. &ct. wish the like to our Masters [in all] parts of India but so long as [these] Parts are left to the mercy of our formidable Freinds and Allies the Dutch little hopes of Success to be expected.

We have the William from China and Ann from Bengall in this Road waiting a convoy which daily expect the Brittania of Madrass, Thomas of Surat, Elizabeth of Callicutt, and Aimwell Ketch of Bombay sail'd the 17th. past month from Tellicherry under the convoy of the Fame and Brittania Frigatts with two Galvetts for Bombay.

The Morrice Capt. Peacock sail'd the 2d. Inst. from hence for Great Brittain a full Ship having put on board her here eight hundred seventy six candy & a quarter of Pepper are in daily expectation of the Addison to fill up also. I am

CALLICUTT

5TH. FEBRY. 1718/9.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.

Your very humble servant
ROBERT ADAMS.

No. 33

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR OF FORTS ST. GEORGE
AND ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

With your favour of the 25th. Ulto. We received your orders for providing twelve hundred Bales with a List of the severall sorts of Goods & our Honble. Masters and your own remarks and directions relating thereto ; accordingly the Contract is agreed upon with [Our . .] and our old Merchants and althô we could not procure an abatement in prizes by reason of the dearness of Grain and Cotton, yet we have obliged them to bring in the Salampores full two Covids & quarter broad and have strictly charged our Warehousekr. to turn out every piece of cloth that does not measure to its full Length & breadth, Our Sorters also promise to mend their severall faults particularly Mr. Berriman that about the eveness in Sorting.

We have acquainted the Merchants with your expectation of orders from England [about] inlarging our Investment and plainly told them that all the Carour and Nagore Long Cloth which does not come up to Muster shall be sorted [as] Long Cloth ordinary which should make them very carefull.

We shall observe your orders about using no more than half the Congee formerly put upon the Cloth and by the Young Derby sent some bales so done.

We are trying all ways and means to dispose of the Arrack Farm but as yet nothing has been offer'd worth our acceptance.

Young Narran's Family is turned out of our bounds as you order and the 15th; his Household Lumber will be sold at publick Outcry he has in our Bounds three Houses [two] Godowns two Gardens & a Choultry about which [we] wait your orders declaring hereby that [. . . .] fra[u]dulent [. . . . . .]. We send inclosed our Cash account [. . . .] and most Respectfully Subscrible

FORT ST. DAVID
7TH. APRILL 1719.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most Obedt. humble
Servts.

FRAS. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATT: WELD.
ROBT. BERRIMAN.
THOS. WRIGHT.
SIMO. HOLCOMBE.
ROBT. BROOKE.

No. 34

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF
FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

In our last we intimated a design the Nabob had of making war with the Mergola Rajah since when we have received a Letter from him desiring three candy of powder and the same quantity of Lead might be kept in readiness against his sending for it, likewise some of our best Guns & Gunners, the Powder and Lead we have promised to supply him with but the Guns we have excused.

Our Cash being very low there remaining now but Pagodas five hundred which is not sufficient to defray the expence of this month besides a very large ballance due to the Paymaster wherefore we are obliged to request a speedy supply from your Honr. &ct.

The [. . .] frequent occasions of passing backwards & forwards and he has often demanded our Town money which we excused paying as it was not due the beginning of this month some of our Cloth coming from Ganjam was stoped at Chickacull on this account but Anauterauze a Neighbouring Rajah having some business that way, persuaded the Duan to cle[ar] it but at the same time engaged we should put an end to that affair on his arrivall here. On the 18th. Instant the Duan with severall of the Northern Rajahs encamped in our Mangoe Garden & Anantereize sent a message for our head Servant who waited on him at the Duans Tent, Our money was immediately asked for, to which was answerd that we were ready to pay what was lawfully due provided the Nabob would take possession of the two Towns according to the Tenour of our Phirmaund which was not in the power of the Duan to engage for, but he has promised and like[wise] Anauterauze that if we sent our Vaqueel to the Nabob they would use their utmost endeavours to get it affected Our Vaqueel set out some days ago and we have received a Letter from him but as yet they have not enter'd upon our business. We hope this and whatever else may be committed to our care will meet with your Honr: &cts: approbation since it is the height of our ambition to approve our selves with the greatest Respect.

VIZAGAPATAM
28TH. MARCH 1719.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most faithfull & Obedient
humble Servants

CORNS: MO[LL].
[JOHN BLUNT].

P.S.

We desire your Honr. &ct. will send us by the first opportunity half a dozen large Europe Lock [. . . . . .]

N°. 35

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^.
George &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

On the 16th Instant I was favoured with your Hon^r^ &c^ts^. of the 6 Ditto and will according to your orders therein make an Outcry of the unnecessary Utensils belonging to this & Maddapollam Factory and then send Your Hon^r^. &c^t^ an account of Remains.

Rungarauze came a few days ago to this place in order to meet the Nabob & is now gone to Maddapollam wherefore I shall deferr going there till he removes from thence least he should demand a present from me upon my arrivall & my noncomplyance excite him to give me any trouble but as soon as I have a convenient opportunity of visiting that Factory I shall then endeavour to let the Garden there out to rent and if at that time there's any boat ready to go to Madrass will not fail sending up such of the Garden Trade as I know will be acceptable there which I shall do by all conveyances that offer but at present your Hon^r^ &c . well knows this is not the season for Boats to go to your place.

The inclosed is my account of last months disbursements amounting to Pagodas twenty five fifteen fanams. The Dutch & [. . . . .] Golcondah that there has been an insurrection among the Sieds and that they have dethroned and imprisoned his present Majesty Furrickseer. I cannot yet learn the particulars of this Story to give your Hon^r^. &c^t^. a full account thereof but every body concurrs that the report is true and that for this reason the Nabob has lay'd aside the thoughts of coming to Metchlepatam and is returning with all expedition to Golcondah to recover in his money and what effects he has abroad. I am

Metchlepat^m^. Factory
March the 26th. 1719.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Your most obed^t^. & obliged
hum^ble^ . Servt.
Humpr^ry^ . Holcombe.

N°. 36

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Forts S^t^.
George & S^t^. David &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

Young Narrans Household Goods are sold at Outcry for one hundred and fifty seven Pagodas eleven fanams.

Not finding it possible to dispose of the Arrack Farm on any reasonable Terms We have resolved with your Hon^rs^. &c . permission to keep it in our own hands and shall appoint two Gentlemen of our Board one at Cuddalore [and the] other at Tevenapatam to collect and [. . .] Cash the monthly produce by wh[ich . .] shall come to a more perfect knowledge of the sta[te] of that Revenue and be able to make our demand accordingly whenever a more plentifull Season incourages the Renters to bid again for that Farm.

Inclosed is a copy of a Letter with its translate in English wrote to the Deputy Govern. by one Timajee Ranganada Puntuloo (Vizier or Chief Minister to the King of the Morattas) to demand Justice upon one Apparanjee Chitty a Jentue Merchant in Cuddalore who he pretends has cheated him of Pag^s^. four thousand one hundred and some Jewells which with a larger sum of money were Lodged by his Servants in said Aparanjee Chittys house about twelve years ago, not finding any Generall Letter or Entry upon Consultation relating to this troublesome affair (tho' the demand was made both in M^r^. Raworth's and M^r^. Frederick's time) We were obliged to wait for the coming of a Vaqueel and some Servants belonging to the Moratta Vizier who gave in

the report N°. 4 which being read to Aparanjee Chitty he brot. in his answer N°. 5. We then summon'd the Merchants, Our principall Inhabitants and Servants in hopes of being well informed of the matter, but upon examination We found most of them ignorant and all very reserved in Speech saying little more than that Poindee Chittee Kisnah was Cheif Dubash in M. Raworths and one Poncala Vincata Kisna since deceased in Mr. Fredericks time and that Severall other Persons acquainted with the business were dead or gone from the Place, so that from these generall insignificant answers to all Questions We could gather nothing to the purpose and the Moratta People not proving by wittness or any circumstance that [. . . . .] of Pagodas were changed into Cash. We could not directly charge a fraud upon Aparanjee Chitty but presuming that for so many years they would not put themselves to so much charge and trouble unless they were real sufferers and apprehending that this Demand if not satisfyed some way or other may occasion disturbance to the Companys affairs if ever the Morattas return with p[ow]er to these adjacent countrys We therefore order the Severall casts to make the strictest examination of the Business and faithfully give us their Opinions, which they went about very unwillingly and were no less than a Month in drawing up Paper N°. 6 which we think is little to the purpose they therein blaming the Moratta People for not complaining to the Government immediately when they discoverd the Cash in the room of the Pagodas to which they readily reply'd that they never before saw European Faces and were so terrifyed wth. Aparanjee Chitty's threatnings that if they made any noise the Govr. should have all their money that they were glad themselves to carry away wt. remained and give an account to their Master; These were the words that passed upon reading the Casts Opinions in our last Consultation and then the Moratta who had charge of the money desired that Aparanjee Chitty might swear to his Innocence of the charge at a Pagoda by putting his hand in scalding Butter or Oyl or that he himself might swear to the Loss which being a practice now contrary to the Religion and the Laws of our country, We could not give our consent to it without your Honrs. &ct. permission thô this being a ceremony relating to themselves both party's agreeing and the Morattas promising to give a writing confirmed by their Master that the marke of Guilt from this fyery Tryall shall put an end to all disputes and the Company [ne]ver more troubled about it here having been also precedents of the same nature as our Servants assure us We hope there is no harm in the method proposed but with Submission to your better Judgments and great Respect We subscribe

Fort St. David

30th Aprill 1719.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Your most obedt. humble Servts.

Fras. Hastings.
John Berlu.
Mattw. Weld.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Simn. Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

P.S.

We desire youl send us a supply of money with all convenient speed.

Idem

F.H.
J.B.
M.W.
R.B.
T.W.
S.H.
R.B.

No. 37

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^{t}.
Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Since our last to your Hon^{r}. &c^{t} : of the 28th. February we have received yours of October 21st. and twenty fifth and of December 23^{d}.

We have dispatched all our Shipping on our hands for Great Brittain the last of which was the Dartmouth who sailed out of this Harbour the 7th Ins^{t}. and has our orders after filling on the Coast to lye at your Port till August & then proceed for Great Brittain unless the R^{t} Honble. Companys Orders to the contrary should prevent her.

Capt. Williams who came from Fort S^{t}. George on the Sampson arrived us the 25th March by [whom] we received the Bills for which we return you [our] humble thanks. Capt. Williams not being very [...]nable to remain on this Island we have discharged him the Companys Service he goes now cheif Ma[te] of the William on a voyage to Persia and the [Bay] his Assistant we shall incourage as we find him deserving.

We congratulate your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. on the gaining possession of so considerable a part of the Phirmaund and heartily wish you the same Success [in] obtaining the Remainder. We had a fair prospect of ending that affair with the Government on our side to our satisfaction but the late great change that has happened in the Indostan Empire has put a stop to our proceedings at present what Effect it may have in the main Time must demonstrate. It has been as yet little or no obstruction [...] to trade so that we hope for the best.

The treaty of Peace we mentioned in ours of February the 18th. to be set a foot between us and Sou Rajah in the behalf of Angria is as yet come to nothing. The Latter promised as a token of his sincerity to deliver up all the English Prisoners he had but since he has failed in the first Article we have little reason to beleive he will come into our proposalls till we can make him smart more severely than we have able to do yet.

We have notified to the Supracargos of the Ships bound your way the scarcity of grain in Madrass and reminded them of carrying a supply of Rice from Mangulore but as the season is so far advanced We are apprehensive none of them will be able to touch there for a Lading. We are

Bombay Castle
3 Aprill 1719.

Honble. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.
Your affectionate Friends & humble Servants
Charles Boone.
Laur^{ce}. Parker.
Jno. Braddyll.
Jno. Courtney.
M. A. Crommelin.
Blackett Midford.

P.S.

This serves to forward Duplicate of our Last and to advise you Angria has returned all the English Prisoners according to his promise who arrived the 14th. Ins^{t}. thô we see no likelihood [yett] of his coming to any measures we can with honour approve of till we can scourge him more severely for his breach of peace.

Charles Boone.
Laur^{ce}. Parker.
Jno. Braddyll.
Walter Brown.
John Courtney.
M.A. Crommelin.
Blackett Midford.

No. 38

May it please your Hon^r. &c^t.

Yesterday in the evening arrived here a Ship with the Emperours Colours She sent her boat ashore and advised us that they came from Ostend with the Emperours commission and is bound for Surat with a Letter from the Emperour to the Great Mogull she left Ostend the 21st. of May last and have touched (as they [say] no were but at the Cape, She is a sh[...] about five hundred and fifty Tons forty four Guns and a hundred & forty Men having been so long at sea was in great want of wood and water with which they desire to be supplyed from us but we advised them that we could not let them have any here and likewise told them they must immediately be gone from hence for we could not suffer them to stay in this Road being according to the Governour & Councils order from Bombay the Boats returned on board again but the wind not permitting them to sail last night stayed till this morning when they weighed Anchor and stood to the Southward being late in the year may reasonably suppose that they design for your Coast Therefore we thought fit as this opportunity offers to advise Your Hon^r. &c^t. of it that if in case he comes to your Parts that you may prevent his doing any Business to the prejudice of our Honble. Masters, having nothing more to add we beg leave to conclude with our humble respects

Anjengo — Honble. S^r. &c^t.

Aprill the 17th. 1719. — Your most humble Serv^ts.

William Gyfford.
Simon Cowse.
Cæsar Burton.

No. 39

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort S. George &c^t. Council.

Honble. S^r. &c^t.

Your Hon^rs. &c^ts. Generall of the 25th. Ultim^o. came to hand the 4th. Ins^t. and now this [is to in] close my Last Months account amount [...] Pagodas sixty nine and thirty [...].

The Nabob as soon as he had News of the revolution at Court decamped from Gondure and marched directly to Golcondah where he no sooner arrived but had intelligence of another Nabob's coming with five thousand Troopers which are to be subdivided into the sev^ll. Governments under Golcondah. Tis reported that he has here upon discharged all his People and is gone away clandestinely to some other place where no body yet certainly knows but some give out that he is gone with his Family to Dilly to sollicitt the Sieds for a new commission.

Coja Gee likewise receiving the aforesaid advices has dismist most of his Peons and is gathering in as fast as he can all his money and effects which done he designs to leave Metchlepatam and goe to Bengall from thence to Surat.

While the Nabob lay at Gondure he sent his Peerzeda or Cheif Preist with a retinue of one hundred Men to visit these three Factorys He went first to the Dutch who presented him with some broad Cloth spice scimiters &c^t. to the amont of a hundred Pag. afterwards he came to this Factory I gave him the best reception I was able and having nothing better I presented him with a pair of Pistolls and some Cutlary ware which he seeming to receive with a little disdain I told I was but newly

come overland to this Place & so had brought nothing else with me however says he you may be better provided when the Nabob comes I reply'd I should write to my Masters about it and till I had their answer I could do nothing. I am

[METCHL]EPM: FACTORY HONBLE. SR. &CT.

[...] 1719

Your most obedt. & obliged
humble. servt.
HUMPRY. HOLCOMBE.

No. 40

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &Cr. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &cr.

By the George Brigantine that arrived the first of this month we received your Honrs. &ct. Letter of the 28th. March and the Treasure you were pleased to consign us for the use of this Factory likewise another of the 13th. Inst. by the Ann that anchored yesterday evening in our Road.

The George Brigantine was brought safe into our River on the 9th. and the Master has the best accommodation our place affords (at present) to lodge his rigging & Stores in and we doubt not of answering Your Honr. &cts. expectations by the well & cheap fitting of this Vessell We design as soon as possible to haul her on the shoar the materials for which we are now preparing with all imaginable diligence.

We shall according to your Honr. &cts directions give your Presidency credit for the Gunnies and Ropes received out of Ship Mary.

On the 2d. in the morning we rec'd advice by our Vaqueel that the Nabob was on his March for this Place and would in an hours time be in our Mango Garden the Cheif Braminy was sent out to compliment him and sounds his intentions concerning receiving our two Towns and the payment of our third Kistee about noon our Braminy returned and acquainted us the Nabob designed to visit the Mosque but he expected Mr. Moll should come out to meet him and to receive his full present as it had cost him two Laack of rupees to obtain a new Phirmaund for the Government of this Country. We told him we could not hear of giving any thing since he had received his usual present and that as he had not been displaced he might as well insist upon it every time he passed by us which had never been allowed nor demanded by any of his Predecessors These arguments and all the address we could possibly make use of were to no effect wherefore we thought it highly necessary if possible to come to an argument [*sic*] before he left this place considering the quantitys of cloth that were lying up and down in the Country it would be more for our Honble. Masters Interest to try if a small matter would content him especially as there was advantage to be made (which was in his power to grant) on delivering the Towns of Perwarra and Woodapunda. We agreed in Consultation to make him an offer of four hundred Rupees and advance his Kistee mony provided he would make an abatement of two hundred Rupees ℔ annum in our Town rent & give us his perwannas for our free Trade and a full assurance that our business should not be impeeded on any account which with abundance of trouble he at last consented to as also to receive the two Towns according to the Kings order & has given us a New Cowle copy of which Your Honr. &ct. will receive in the Packet. These matters being adjusted he came into Town in order to visit the Mosque and was received by Mr. Moll a small distance from the Factory who afterwards went out to his Tent at the Mango Garden where he had the Customary Tashareif presented him.

On the 12th. we received a Letter [from] the Codjee at Chickacull advising the death of King Furrickseer and that Rophile Durboat was in possession of the throne the Country is in very good order and those in Government seem to be well pleased with this alteration.

We shall be as frugall in laying out the Cash received ℘ the George as possible & take care it is not issued out but for the use Your Honr. &ct. designed it though there is already more Cloth in our Godowns than we have money to pay for.

By this conveyance we send your Honr. &ct. our Diarys and the Consultations Cash & Paymasters accounts to the Ultimo March We have not further but respectfully subscribe

VIZAGAPATAM
20TH. APRILL 1719.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.
Your most obliged & obedt.
humble Servants
CORNS. MOLL.
JOHN BLUNT.

No. 41

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HON. SR.

I received the Honour of your Letter of the 9th. Inst. O.S. I have received express orders not to receive or give any assistance to any Ship bearing the Emperours Colours and I am fully resolved to put them in execution with the utmost rigour being very sensible of what was detriment it will be to the Companys which has been with so long and with so great expences established if such Undertakings meet with good success, which I will do all that I am able to prevent you did me Sr. a very great pleasure which you told me what measures you had taken to prevent any hopes which the Ship under the command of Mr. De La Merville might have of trading with any of the Merchants under your Government I mightily approve what you have done in that respect and will not on my side be long behind you, I have sent some Persons wch. I can confide in to get information of every thing relating to the said Ship I will be sure to give you an account of what I shall learn and it will be a very great Satisfaction to me if you will let me know the answers the Governours of Negapatam and Tranquebar have given to your Letters I am intirely of your Opinion that if we all agree heartily to obstruct Mr. De La Mervilles designs he will not be any great gainer by his enterprize. I am Sr. with the greatest respect & consideration

FORT LEWIS
23D. MAY 1719.

Your most humble & most
obedient Servant
M. LA PREVOSTIER.

No. 42

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
AND OF THE HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMPANYS AFFAIRS
UPON THE COAST OF COROMANDELL.

HON. SR. & MOST ESTEEMED FREIND

On the 7th. of this Instant there past by our Road a large Ship from the Southward bound to the Northward which showed us French Colours & came to an anchor near Nagoore where She remained till the 16th. Inst. and about noon She weighed her Anchor & came to Anchor and went to Tranquebar a Deans Place who is there at present, four of her Sailors are come to us who gave us a relation [of all the] proceedings throughout the Voyage therefore I could not but inform your Honr. of it & with it comes inclosed a copy of what the Sailors have related to me which I have thought fit to acquaint your Honr. before hand that your Honr. might not have no traffique nor

commerce with them for I take them to be no other than Interlopers & if they should succeed it will be detrimentall to the Honble. English East India Company & ours I doubt not your Hon^r^. [would have the] advices from England so with cordial respects I remain

NEGAPATAM HON^BLE^. S^R^. & MOST ESTEEMED FREINDS

20TH: MAY ANNO 1719. Your Hon^rs^. most Esteem'd Freind
& most humble Servant
A. DE VISSER.

No. 43

A DECLARATION TAKEN FROM WILLEM VAN SAWEL, OF MASTRIGHT, JAN ADOLFS RING, OF GOTTENBORG, JOHANNE PEEN, OF NEWCASTLE, & JOHN SMITH, OF SCARBURG, ALL FOUR COME FROM OSTEND & CAME OUT OF A SHIP, NAMED THE EMPEROUR CHARLES, & BOUND TO THE EAST INDIES, & ON THE 7TH. INS^T^. ARRIVED AT NAGOOR, WHICH IS AN HOURS JOURNEY TO THE NORTHWARD OF NEGAPATAM & UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF TANG[OOR].

They declare that tis thirteen months since they came from Ostend in the Ship named the Emperour Charles She was formerly named the Griffin Zealand Caper, She now carrys forty eight Gunns and one hundred & fifty Men including eight and twenty Officers besides twenty four Boys the main part of them are Flemens with some French and English the Commander is a French Man by birth his name De la Merville the first place they came to was Cork, in Ireland where they took in Cows and water &c^t^. for the Voyage the water which they took in at Ostend proved foul & not fit for drinking from thence we sailed and the second Cap^ts^. named . . . . Gerbrand was born at Ostend and a Merchant his name we know not. We had an English Merchant who was part owner of the Ship disagreeing with the Comm^r^. was put ashore in Ireland and took in another in his place from thence we sailed to S^t^. Jago where we lost two Anchors and had but one Anchor when we sailed from thence to the Cape of Good Hope when we arrived there the Government woud not give us any assistance from thence we was forc'd to sail to Sarduaw Bay where we stayed six weeks & took in refreshment whilst we was there we were informed of the King of France his Ship at the Cape and in our passage We met with her at sea who gave us water and other assistance whilst we was at the Cape of Good Hope a certain Merchant named . . . Meyen who come off with his wife & Daughter & brought two Anchors with him whose family is still on board the reason of his leaving place was because there was some demands upon him since wch. the Phiscall has seized on his Effects for leaving the Place afterwards we was forced back again the said Meyen went ashore & brought off a Galeot Loaden with fresh provisions wch. was against the orders of the Government of the place so that we were in all three months [...] the Cape to Sarduaw Bay from thence we sailed for India & the first place we touched at was Anjengo an English Settlement where we came to an anchor the Second Capt. went on Shore and meeting with no assistance came off much dissatisfied from thence. We went down the Coast & [came] to an anchor at the white Pagoda where we found French Vessell with two Masts in the Road Our Capt. went on board her with a Romish Preist which could speak Portugeeze from him we were supply'd with Liquors the Capt. of the French Vessell desired we would repair his Boat that was unserviceable to him. We took her on board & refitted her but our Ship sailing better than the French Vessell We arrived at Nagoor some days before him where we delivered him his Boat when he came into the Road and then we sent our Sick men ashore.

When we was on the Coast of Malabar we took in a small quantity of Pepper when they saild out of Ostend they declared they did design to do no harm to any Ship on the Seas & before she sailed out of Ostend they raised her Sailors by beat of drum declaring they was bound to the East Indies but never mentioned to what part or how long they should be out the pay which they give to their Sailors is from twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fiveteen, Sixteen Gilders ℔ month. The Ballast of the

Ship is Guns & double headed Shot, the cargo is fine arms, swords, Corall, & broad Cloth, she has the Emperours passport, and has throughout the Voyage wore the Emperors Colours but since she came upon the Coast she uses French Colours.

The Cheif Mate of the Ship is [Ams]terdammer named. . . . Verberg who [was for]merly in the Dutch East India Company who is very well known at Negapatam the Second was born at the same place whose name is John . . . . . the third Mate is an Ostender his name Francis the Second Commr. is either an English Man or an Irish Man his name is . . . Ree they have on board a Roman Preist that is a Frenchman who is the Father Confessor to the Commander of the ship.

NEGAPATAM
THE 7TH. MAY AN: 1719.

CORNELIUS VAN OUTVELT
Secretaris.

No. 44

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE. SR.

Since the Letter that I had the Honour of writing you, a Person whom I had sent to Nagoor to inform himself of all particulars is returned & brings an account that Mr. De La Mervilles Ship at present is at Tranquebar where he has been very well received he has hired a house at 15 pags. ꝑ month in which he has setled with twenty Europeans that he has brought ashore I have very good reasons to persuade me that this Ship has not much capital he has strings of Corall about twenty Bales of Cloth & very few ꝑtes of eight I have seen two Letters of his in which he says he has done his business that he came pretty empty & shall return in the same manner he is to go in September he offers his Service that is in plain terms that he will take all he can get upon Freight But if one considers it must be very hazardous to lade anything upon her however tis what we ought all to be extreemly cautious of I hear that the Govr. of Negapatam has published & fixed up very severe prohibition concerning the said Ship and I have taken the same measures on my side. I am with the most perfect esteem & consideration

FORT LEWIS
25TH. MAY 1719 N. S.

HONBLE. SR.
Your most Humble. & most obedt.
Servant
M. LA PREVOSTIER.

No. 45

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT & GOVR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE
& ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

1. With your favour by Peons dated the 1st. Inst. we received ten thousand Pags. of which Mr. Hastings sent immediate advice to the Honble. Governour.

2. We have given publick notice for selling the remainder of Young Narrans effects on the 25th. (which done we shall send you the account of their produce.)

3. Our Cash Account is kept open for the sevll. that are to come in with the close of our Genll. Books We shall send it the beginning of next month and at same time an exact account of the State of our New Buildings and Fortifications.

4. We are also favoured with your Letter of the 5th. Inst: approving of our keeping the Arrack Farm in our own hands for the Current Year.

5. The [Moratta] People were acquainted with what your Honr. &ct. write relating to their demand on Apparanjee Chittee and not having since given any reason for a further prosecution said Apparanjee Chittee is acquitted and Mr. Hastings has advisd Timajee Puntoloo of the method of our proceedings in this affair.

6. Your orders about preventing any trade or correspondence with Interlopers have been put in execution by summoning our Merchants & principal Inhabitants before the Deputy Governour just in the like manner you directed and we beleive Mr. De La Merville that commands the Ship which was at Nagoor & is now at Tranquebar will find great difficulty to dispose of the Goods he brought or to provide a cargo nothing shall be wanting on our parts to frustrate his designs as we are in duty bound to our Honble. Masters Interest & with due Respect

FORT ST. DAVID
18TH. MAY 1719.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.
Your most obedt. humble. Servants
FRAS: HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATT: WELD.
ROBT. BERRIMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
SIMO: HOLCOMBE.
ROBT. BROOKE.

No. 46

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE HONBLE. CHRISTIN. BRUN GOVR. OF TRANQUEBAR TO THE HONBLE. FRANCIS HASTINGS ESQR. GOVR: OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Of Your Honrs. last Letter do I perceive your Companys [resolut]ion not to trade with any Interlopers [. . .] as yet that this Imperial Ship can [be] of any prejudice to the trade for his Merchandize as he has acquainted me with is but very small & keeps them in so high a prize as he intended to keep them for himself I have not as yet been able to find out where he intends to except it may be for Bengall for he will not buy any of that commodity here. The commander who stiles himself Commendant must I needs say is an ingenious Man and has aboard severall Gentlemens Children so one should think he had no bad intention in mind. The following Letter to Govr. Collet desire Your Honrs. favours by opportunity to recommend thither who am with due Respect

CASTLE DANSBORG
25TH. MAY 1719 N. S.

HONBLE. SR.
Yor. most obedt. & most oblig'd
Servt.
CHRISTIAN BRUN.

P. S.

Your Honr: is pleased to mention that the French as well as other Companys are very much alarmed about this Imperial Ship but I can assure you that the Commander Monsr. De La Merville have shewen me sevll. Letters wherein the French offer him very good conditions & Priviledges if he will come to them.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE HONBLE. CHRISTIAN BRUN GOVR: OF TRANQUEBAR TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR. DATED IN DANSBORG CASTLE 25TH. MAY 1719 N.[S.]

About an Emperial Ship from Ostend who unexpected is got into our Road I already advised your Hastings with desiring the same would make known to your Honr. I beleive he will not be of any detriment to the commerce as he doth not in the last mention any only desiring some fresh water [. . . .] refreshments there is seven Gentlemens children aboard who is gone out for a tryall The Commander who styles himself Commandant, seems to be a very civil & ingenious man but where he is designed for am not as yet acquainted with who am with due Respect

HONBLE. SR.
Your most obliged humble. Servt.
CHRISTIAN BRUN.

No. 48

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^.

1. I have now before me your Hon^rs^. favour of the 9th. husus O.S. have observed its contents about the Imperial Ship then at Nagoor (but now in our Road) desiring therein to know further & more particular of its circumstances than when Your Hon^r^. perused mine of the 25 D^o^. Will find I have not been unmindfull therein already to advise you of its arrivement &c^t^. I agree with your Hon^r^. that those particular Ships trading here cant be but detrimentall to those Nations that have settlements here in the Indies but more especially those that come on the trading account wherefore this one cant do much for as I can find there is no Merchandize aboard for the owners of the Ship the trifling things for to dispose of is between the Officers who keep it at such a high rate that none care to buy his design as far as I can Learn is for Bengall where he takes in his provisions (as he cant get here for his return home) & I beleive h[as] a Letter from the Emperour to deliver [. . .] at Mogull but neither to stay for an answer nor send any Europe Man with it & this should be the cheif reason of his coming out which way seems to me something impracticable excepting there followeth great presents I cant find when I have considered how I could deny him water or necessarys both for the good alliance there is between the Emperour & our gracious King & also that he should not have reason to use other means to procure his Sailors preservation which he not in the least seems inclinable to but after the old proverb Necessity has no Law & by such measures might make our trade by sea very dangerous he is not in want of Freinds at Pondicherry but Courts his coming thereabouts very much with large promises of all possible assistance & extraordinary good conditions.

2. His People aboard are all most Flemens French & Dutch but very few English & none of the last in any office. This is all I am at present capable to communicate to Your Hon^r^: about this matter who am with Respect

Castle Dansborg
27th: May 1719 N. S.

Honble. S^r^.
Your most obed^t^. hum^ble^.
Servant
Christian Brun.

No. 49

Madrassapatam

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^. George & the Coast of Coromandell for Affairs of the Honble. English East India Company.

Hon[S^r^.] & most esteemed Freind

On the 20th. Ins^t^. I wrote your Hon^r^: concerning the arrivall of a Ship on this Coast in which inclosed the examination of those that came out upon said Ship I hope that your Hon^r^. & my Intentions concur for the good of the English & our Company I have since rec^d^. your Letter dated the 7th. Instant O.S. to which the following is an answer I have given orders that no Person under our Government in this or any other parts belonging to the Netherlands East India Company shall trade to either of our Detriment or Loss.

2. Besides this it is my indispensible duty to acquaint the Danish Gentlemen of Tranqueb^r^. by Letter that they ought not to assist the Ship in their Road being an Interloper & knowing the ill consequence of assisting them but as yet I have not receiv'd any answer from them.

3. We have great reason to be zealous in behalf of our Companys to turn them out I doubt not but your Hon^{r}: will write to the Danish Gentlemen to the same effect I shall use all means to turn them out of these parts & am very glad that your hon^{r}. has given such strict orders relating to them & do think myself obliged to be assisting to the English & our Company on this occasion & doubt not but Your Hon^{r}: will communicate your thoughts to me on this affair & when I have the Danes answer it shall be transmitted to your Hon^{r}. I conclude with my hearty service & am

NEGAPATAM
26TH. MAY 1719 N.S.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.
Your faithfull Freind &
most obedient servant
A De VISSER.

No. 50

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEO^{E}.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.

I received the honour of yours of the 17th. past O.S. have fully examined the contents for a positive answer to which I think it necessary to know what answer the Govr. of Tranquebar will make you and after you have done me the pleasure of communicating it I will take my last resolution as to that subject.

2. I hear that M^{r}. La Merville has bought up whatever he could get & of whomsoever came to offer which manner of trading makes me fully satisfyed y^{t}. this Capt. will not come any more to India.

FORT LEWIS
JUNE Y^{E}. 1ST. 1719 N.S.

I am with perfect Esteem and
consideration
HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.
Your most Hum^{ble}: & most obed^{t}:
Servant
M LA PREVOSTIER.

No. 51

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.

I received your Last honoured dated the 12th. of May S. V. for some days ago I am very much [concerned] to observe from thence Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}: surprize & displeasure at what you are pleased to call my conduct concerning the Emperial Ship lately arrived here on this Road in not having denyed that right of Hospitality which is due to all nations but contrary to y^{r}. sentiments that I have permitted him to anchor here on our road & take in water & other refreshments this little place affords to assist him withall I did myself the Hon^{r}. to write to your Hon^{r}. on this Subject the 27th. May [S.N.] both concerning the Ship what it had to do here in the Indies as also what motives & reasons induced me to allow it water & other refreshments here not doubting but that if your Hon^{r}. had rec'd that Letter before he dispatched his last honoured to me you would have entertained some milder thoughts & put some fairer constriction upon my proceedings within this affair but however to convince your Hon^{r}. that I have done nothing rashly but seriously considered the consequences that might flow from my granting this Ship liberty to recruit here it will be necessary to repeat & discuss the matter fuller over again.

2. The 15th. May did the Commander of this Ship lying on Nagoors Road write to me whereby he acquainted me that he was dispatched by the Emperour for his private affairs to the Indies that he was not charged with any merchandize to traffique but meerly with the Emperours commission to deliver a Letter from him to the Great Mogull but as he were now pressed with the greatest wants of water & other necessarys he intreated me [by] that friendship which is betwixt the Emperour and the King of Denmark that I would grant him as an Emperial Commissionary the Liberty [of co]ming up hither to recruit himself [with provi]sions that he might thereby be able to pursue his Voyage further after I had duly consulted about this matter with my Counselours I answered him that he could but come hither to shew his passport & commission & that he should then receive a fuller answer seing then every thing to be conformable to his words I granted him his desire upon these inducements.

First.—Because this Ship was no Interloper come to make any breach in the trade to the prejudice of other European Nations but being a free Emperial Vessel fitted out for the Emperours own affairs under his commission & passport.

Secondly.—Since there ever was but now more particularly is a strict union & confederacy between the King of Denmark & the Emperour.

Thirdly.—Since my Masters so far from ever did command me to deny strange distressed Sea People any assistance, nay not even those disturbers of trade the Interlopers themselves but contrary they have order'd me to do all possible kindness to strange distressed People I'le hope yt. when Your Honr. considers these abovementioned particulars your own judgment shall approve & justify my conduct within this point more particularly considering that if I had not taken such measures I had thereby given the Commander reason to complain of me in Europe & might had caused him to take his recourse to my masters who for such a barbarous inhumanity, as to deny a whole famishing Ships Company lifes subsistance in time mig[ht] occasioned [*sic*] their displeasure which if I endeavour to prevent, Nobody I hope can blame me for.

3. [But] suppose this Ship never had come to this place it [. . .] to have expected that all opportunitys of supply & subsistance were by that means thoroughly cut of for the Ships Company since the Sea Port Towns belonging to the King of Tangoor Vizt. Nagoor, Caverepatnam Carricall Trimlewar & others would gladly have embraced the opportunity of receiving him as long as any thing was to be got by him.

4. But further I can assure Honr. that according to the Commanders own saying as also Letters shewen to me, Severall propositions are offered him from Pondicherry to entertain him in their Neighbourhood although those Gentlemen would feighn persuade the World to be otherwise inclinable.

5. To remove therefore from your Honr. all occasions of Jealousy I can once more assure your Honr. that besides which I have said that this Ship has brought nothing of Merchandize out with it except what trifling things the Officers & sailors in particular might afford. It has certainly not traded here for the value of one Cash neither designs to stay any longer here than till it is some what provided for its Voyage to Bengall where the Commr. intends to proceed to in a few days.

6. What your Honr. is pleased to mention about the unreasonableness of strange Interlopers enjoying the Liberty of trading on equall terms with the other European Nations established here who bear vast charges in keeping of Forts & Garrisons to preserve their Ancient trade here in the Indies I agree with you in every particular but must add that of my own particular authority I cant deny them coming into our Road till I receive my masters order to authorize such a proceeding.

7. What you mention about the English & Dutch & the Regent of France that they have taken all possible means to prevent the Interlopers particularly those under the Emperours Colours to trade here on the Indies I am very sorry to hear because our Company is excluded out of this contract whereby this Glorious design

is liable to miscarry in some measure, for the Interlopers finding themselves by this contract deprived of any Harbour belonging to the Hon[ble]. English, Dutch & French Companys by the exclusion of our Company out of this contract find here a safe & unmolested Harbour to seek to.

8. I could but therefore wish that according to Your Hon[rs]. communication such an order might with the first opportunity be dispatched to this place from the King of Denmark or my Masters when I soon should concurr with the other Hon[ble]. Governm[ts]. here about & none should keep stricter over his order to prevent all manner of Interlopers than myself but till then I cant pretend without the beforementioned orders to act any thing that hath any resemblance to Hostility.

9. Tis certain a great preservation to trade to observe within this point the Examples of other Companys but it cant be no Law since each Comp[a]: one established for the trade here in the Indies is free & independent & that any one would presume to controul any such a Company in their just Libertys & reglements is an arrogancy as little to be suffered as never heard of.

10. The remonstrances therefore which Y[r]. Hon[r]. or any [other Hon[ble].] Gov[r]. here on the Coast troubles themselves [. . .] ill to make to this place on that Subject is but all needless since it is not in my power without running my own risque to joyn with their design in exterpating & opposing all Interlopers coming to the Indies which matter if you shall be obliged to represent to your Masters & they again to the Court of Denmark I shall be very well pleased to hear his Majesty acquainted with my proceedings that I will act & do nothing to which I have neither his nor my Masters orders On which Subject however I shall not fail with the first opportunity to insinuate my own remonstration.

11. Lastly as to that inforcing motive Your Hon[r]. are pleased to conclude his Letter withall that in case I do not come into your measures you would be oblidged to call from this place all the Black Merchants on the Coast who have any dependance of your Government it is not in my power to hinder your pleasure but rather shall contribute any thing that may tend to your satisfaction however I dont know any such Merchant here on this place who have any dependance on your Hon[rs]. Government except you should mean Sittarama Setty who undoubtedly finds his account better with our Company than it hath reaped any particular advantage by him nevertheless I cant forbear acquainting you that he hath dwelled here in Tranquebar now this eleven years & been the Companys Merchant so that one would think it a clear case that he depends on no other Government than the Danish & may Your Hon[r]. be assured in case I was inclinable [to] use any trade with this Ship I should have [..]ast occasion for Sittarama Setty as [. . . mer]chants now on this coast who would be [glad] in this case to employ their mony would I [but]give them the least hint to it.

12. I must beg the Liberty before I end to tell Your Hon[r]. that it hath not a little vexed me to peruse your last Letter wherein you have treated our Company in such a disdainfull manner equall with Interlopers which you say you look upon as common enemys, for in your former Letter you acquainted me that you had forbid your Merchants upon pain of confiscation & imprisonment to forbear all manner of dealing with this Ship and now in a threatning manner in the last you are a telling me that you would be obliged to forbid your Black Merchants in the like manner to have any dealing with our Company & whats that in other terms to say but that you inform me of your intention to deal with our Royall Company as with the Interlopers although we have enjoyed for this hundred years past a free & uncontested Trade for any European Nation herein in the Indies no more I am conscious what just resentment & provocation our Company hath given you to such a breach, Will nevertheless hope that by that Freindship which is between the King my Master & the King of Great Brittain your meaning & intention has not been such as I might have reason to conclude from the words.

13. When Your Hon[r]. duly considers all these abovementioned circumstances I do promise myself that you will find your self satisfyed with what I indispenseably

have been obliged to do in relation to this ship & undoubtedly himself aprove & justify my conduct in this affair, hoping that this passage shall make no breach in that Freindship which so many years & with so good success is kept betwixt your & our place, [...] [...]on & promotion of which I ever shall contribute to the utmost of my power as being

Honble. S^{r}.

Yo^{r}. most obed^{t}. hum^{ble}: Servant
CHRISTOPHER BRUN.

FORT DANSBORG
7th. JUNE 1719 N.S.

N°. 52

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
&C^{T}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Yesterday evening we received the accompanying Packet from the Gentlemen at the Bay by two Madrass Peons who arrived in a miserable condition & are not able to proceed any further wherefore we have given it in charge of two of our own Peons, The George Brigantine was haul'd up the 26th. Ult^{o}. we have not further but respectfully subscribe

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.
Your most obed^{t}. humble
Servants
CORN^{S}: MOLL.
JN^{O}. BLUNT.

VIZAGAPATAM
7TH. MAY 1719.

P.S.
We desire your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will send us fifteen hundred small & five hundred large China Tyles those rec^{d}. being not sufficient to pave our upper Lodgings.

N°. 53

TO THE HON^{BLE}: JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOVERNOUR OF FORT
S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{T}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

1. Duplicate of what wrote you ℘ Success Brigantine dated 25th. february was designed you ℘ ship [O] badiah bound with Grain to your Port but the [Sou]therly winds setting in very fresh She [could not] get out of the river & is returned up to us wherefore that Pacquet comes herewth.

2. We have lately had a great skirmish with one Rambudder a Jimendar which owns the greatest part of the Country round about us occasioned first by his protecting by force of arms one of the Honble. Companys renters of their Buzars which run away from us indebted on which we seized on some of his relations in hopes to make him deliver our Man but contrary to expectation he seized severall more of the Honble. Company's Tenants which obliged us to send a Party of fifty men into his Country & make peremptory demand of all our People to be immediately delivered & to let him know if he did not comply We would burn & destroy all before us but when our People came to the Town where he was they found him well provided he letting fly a volley of shot at them for an answer besides a Shower of arrows by which three of our sol[diers] were wounded slightly but our People gave them such a return as put them all to the flight in amongst their houses from whence we burnt them out & sev^{ll}: more of his Villages. The next day he engaged us again & we

gave him a second part of the same Tune after which the water thereabouts being very bad we call'd our Men nearer home & incamped them just without our bounds & placed Guards all round having advice that he had the impudence to persist & sware he would never leave off till he had burnt our Towns which he attempted [thr]ee days together but our people as constantly repelled them killing & wounding a great many of his People & burning severall of his villages which [had] obliged him to beg for peace on any terms & send [back all] our People to us & disband all his Forces which he had gathered against us. We have gauled him so prodigiously that he as well as all the rest of the Jemendars round the Country will with just reason remember us these many years & we judge will not again protect any of the Companys Debtors or use any of their People unhandsomely for this Jemendar is much the Strongest of any near our Bounds.

3. The 20^{t}. Ins^{t}. we received a Letter from Patna dated the 11th. Ins^{t}. advising of Furrickseers being blinded & imprisoned by Sied Abdulah Cawn Vizier & his Brother Hussenally Cawn & that they had placed King Ruffeal Durseat on the Throne the News is since confirmed from all Parts & the new Kings Siccaes coined in the Bengall Mints as for the particulars we have them very different so shall not trouble you with such accounts only that all the Country this way is like to be peaceable & quiet unless the Syeds resolve to have our Subah Jaffer Cawn out which is reasonable to be expected will be, because they are profest Enemys.

4. We herewith send the account of your Presidency as it stands in our Books which please to compare with yours & if any difference please to advise that we may adjust it in ours. We are

Fort S^{T}. George [William] — Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{T}.

21ST. March 1718/19. — Your very hum^{ble}. Servants

Sam^{IL}. Feake.
Jn^{O}. Williamson.
Will^{M}. Spencer.
WaterwTH. Collet.
John Eyre.

N°. 54

To the Hon^{BLE}. Joseph Collet Esq^{R}.
President and Governour of Fort S^{T}. George &c^{T}. Council.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{T}.

1. With this comes Duplicate of what wrote the 30th. past since which we have rec'd yours of the 21st. Ultimo by our Success Brigantine with a duplicate of yours dated the 30th. October last.

2. The loss of your Brigantine Success is very surprizing news at so fair a Season of the Year as She went from hence that one would hardly think it possible unless done designedly the Honble. Comp^{as}. six hundred bags of Petre must doubtless be most if not all washed out if she broke up as we suppose She must.

3. We observe you have Petre sufficient to dispatch two Ships for Great Brittain in August but that you shall be in want for any Ship you may have on your hands to dispatch in October wherefore if your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. are pleased to send down one of the Honble. Companys small Ships we will dispatch her back to you the beginning

of August with a thousand or twelve hundred bags as you desire we would have sen one of our River Sloops but they are all refitting nor would any one we have carry that quantity.

4. By the private Letters rec'd overland from Surat we have the same news you advise with an addition that Govr. Boone was returned with his Forces but we do not hear what conclusion he has made with Angria more than he had canonaded his Towns we hope there is something more done in the conclusion or Angria will certainly grow more insolent.

5. We give you joy of the Peace you have concluded with the Moors & the peaceable enjoyment of your Villages heartily wishing you the like Success in Dieu Island.

6. It is a great concern to us to hear you are in such danger of the Famine continuing we have laden severall Vessells with rice now bound to your Port & shall continue to give you all the releif possibly we can by all opportunitys we have rec'd the ill news this day of Capt. Hurst's Ship which is laden with Grain bound to your Port being fast aground & in danger God grant She may get off M^r^. Hasting's Vessells, Brigantine Success, & Ship Harriot are all bound now on their way to you with rice cargoes a small Ship belonging to M^r^. Horden arrived here this day which will be laden very speedily with rice & be dispatched back to y^r^. Port & is all the Supply its possible you can have from hence this Season. We are

Fort William — Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

25th. February 1718/9. — Your very hum^ble^. Servants

Sam^ll^. Feake.
Willm. Spencer.
Waterw^th^. Collet.
John Eyre.

N°. 55

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.

S^r^.

The 26th. of Aprill we hauled on Shore & find She has not escaped the worms so much as I expected for from the Keel four feet upwards they have eaten about inch & half in & very thick fore & aft which I have pegged up for the present being the only means I can find proper.

2. I cannot perceive that dubbing away is proper for if we now dub as far in as the worms have already eaten the next refitting we shall dub quite thorough her, a proper preservation before we come off shoar, is very needfull which I refer wholly to Your Hon^r^. & conclude with a gratefull acknowledgement for the many remarks of Y^r^. Hon^rs^. kind benevolence. I am

Vizagapatam — Honble. S^r^.

7th. May 1719. — Your most obliged most obed.
& most hum^ble^. Servt.
to command

William Middleton.

No. 56

NEGAPATAM

TO THE HONBLE. & GENEROUS SR.
ADRIAN DE VISSER GOVERNR. & DIRECTOR BELONGING TO THE HONBLE. NETHERLAND EAST INDIA COMPANY ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL & ORIXA &CT.

HONBLE. & GENEROUS SR.

Two days ago I received your Honrs. agreable Letter dated the preceeding day & thank you for communicating the news of the arrival of the Emperours Ship from Ostend named Charles the Sixth a Week ago She was in the road of Nagoor the Commander in cheif of said Ship is a knight of his Emperial & Catholick Majesty from St. Empir named Monsr. De La Merville after which he came hither & discoursed me upon the same Subject which your Honr. was pleased to advise me of he has not only his Empereal & Catholick Majestys Passport and severall others for which reason we ought to turn them from hence & that they shall not be any ways prejudicial to any of the European Nations here I agree with your Honrs. sentiments to frustrate their design that they may not hereafter come to these Parts.

2. Tis not certain where they design but they give out for Ballasore and from thence to Europe without returning to this Coast but there's no confiding in what they say their proceedings is much to the discredit of their principle as well as themselves they pretend to call at Pullicherry to make a contract there which I am not very certain of so wishing Your Honr. all prosperity I am (underwritten) Honble. & Generous Sr. Your Honrs. assured Freind & humble servant (this was signed) by Christian Brun and in the margin was Fort Dansborg the 27th. of May 1719.

Examin'd ℘
CORNELIUS VAN OUTVEL
Secretaris.

No. 57

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & THE COAST OF COROMANDELL &CT.
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA.

HONBLE. SR. & GENEROUS FREIND

The 4th. Inst. N.S. I received your Honrs. Esteemed Letter dated the 17th. May O.S. and was glad to find that we both agree in the same Sentiments the two English Sailors which your Honr. desires shall be sent by the first conveyance & doubt not that according to your Honrs. promise you will use them well without any punishment, I shall use my utmost endeavours to entice as many of the Interlopers men as possible to come over to us so as to disable them it will be difficult to do it as long as they meet with any assistance, Especially while they are in the Danes Road & have what they desire but if we three do not speedily protest against the proceedings of the Danes Commendant & his Council before the Interlopers have effected their designs which they will certainly do to our great detriment the Danes have had no Ships from Europe these three years & are in great want of mony they will therefore never let slip this opportunity of getting what they can by them it being no disadvantage to their Company having little or no trade in India which Your Honr. knows very well. The [...] Danes Commendant Letter to me comes herewith by

which your Hon^{r}. may see how far he seems to conceed to our Sentiments against Capt. De La Merville the Emperours Passport & Royall Patent wch. the Interlopers brought with them notwithstanding they permit them to be in their Road which if they had denyed them it would be to the satisfaction & Interest of our three Companys which I find he is unwilling to do. I thought fit to inform Your Hon^{r}. of this, I am with my cordial Respects

NEGAPATAM
10 JUNE AN : 1719.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. & WORTHY FREIND
Yo^{r}. HON^{rs}. Faithfull Freind
& most obed^{t}. humble Servant
A DE VISSER.

No. 58

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORTS S^{T}. GEORGE
AND S^{T}. DAVID &C^{T}. COUNCIL

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

We are favoured with yours of the 26th. Ult^{o}. with Invoice & Bill of Loading for wax put on board the Young Derby that is not yet in sight though severall vessells are passed by to the Southward.

We now send our accounts of Cash for the two last months & most respectfully subscribe

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
8TH. JUNE 1719.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.
Yo^{r}. most obed^{t}. humble Serv^{ts} :
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
ROBERT BROOKE.

No. 59

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ES^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R} : OF FORT S^{T}. GEO^{R}.
&C^{T}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R} : &C^{T} :

Finding we shall be at a Loss for packing Stuff for our Bales this year We desire your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will please to supply us with ten candy of Rope it not being procurable here at present what Joot there is in the Ground will not be fit to cut untill August. We remain

VIZAGAPATAM
4th. JUNE 1719.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.
Yo^{r} most obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Servants
CORN^{s}. MOLL.
JN^{o}. BLUNT.

No. 60

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^. Geo^r^.
&c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

The accompanying Pacquet arrived us from Bengall last night which we now forward by two fresh Peons the Presid^t^. & Council having requested it on account the heats.

We have received advice of one hundred and ninety corge of Salampores being [on this Road] from Ganjam which we expect will come in a day or two. We are sorry to acquaint Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. that we have [litt]le Cash to contribute to the encouragement of that work and none to issue out for the necessary expences of the Place.

Our Buildings have been some time at a Stand not having Timber or Plank for our Eastward Curtain, this being what material at present we have not further but to subscribe ourselves with the utmost Respect

Vizagapatam
4th. June 1719.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.
Yo^r^. most obliged & obedient
Humble servants
Corn^s^. Moll.
Jno. Blunt.

No. 61

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
President & Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^.
George &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^t^.

1. With this comes Duplicate of our last ℔ Cossid bearing date the 21st. March 1718–19 since wch. we are favoured with yours of the 19th. March which came to hand the 15th. Ult^o^. ℔ Ship London and its Duplicate ℔ Ship Stratford which came to hand the 2^d^. Instant.

2. We observe the great number of Bales you have in your Warehouse & that you design to dispatch Ships Desbouverie & Queen in July & another in October provided you are but supply'd with Salt Petre. We have examined our Stock & find we shall be able to supply you by the first conveyance with the twelve hundred bags desired in your Letter of the 21st. January last leaving ourselves barely sufficient for Kentillaging two Ships one of which we design to dispatch directly home by the very beginning of Dec^r^: & the other with p^t^. of her Europe Cargoe to be filled up by your Hon^r^. &c^t^. for England & for the rest of our Ships depend on a further supply from Patna.

3. We received the Letter from S^t^. Helena wch. came by the Queen via Bencoolen.

4. We observe with concern the Great Famine you seem to be threatned with and shall take care to supply you all we can with Grain from hence.

5. The Broad Cloth Tents we find are like to be as great a drug with you as with us. We built a Frame and are preparing one to be set up for view. All that have seen them admire them but none so much as takes the buying them into consideration they are in reality as you observe fit for no one but the Great Mogull himself and possibly might be an acceptable Present to him.

6. In our last we advised you of the revolution at Court & that Rufcul durjeaut was setled on the Throne of this Empire. We have since received a Letter from Mittersfean our Vaqueel which M^r^: Surman left at Dilly confirming that News & advising that he had paid a congratulatory vizitt to Abdulah Cawn the Grand Vizier

who rec^{d} : him with more favour than usual [. . .] & calling him near order'd him to ad[vise the] news of that Place & that we should [know] what orders [co]uld be sent from Court.

7. This Vizier Abdulah Cawn and his Brother Hussenally Cawn are the Cheif Instruments of this change and as the new King is not above sixteen years old its reasonable to beleive Abdula Cawn will for some time be King in effect.

8. Report says Furrickseer is raised out of the catalogue of their Kings as is customary for all such who are deposed consequently becomes the more absolutely necessary for us to apply ourselves to this Vizier Abdula Cawn who has not only endorsed but sealed to all our grants & priviledges contained in our new Phirmaunds.

9. We have prepared congratulatory Letters to the new King and to the Vizier which are now dispatching to our Vaqueel at Court to deliver them.

10. We herewith send a Pacquet for the Honble. Court of Directors which desire your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will please to forward by the first Ship for Great Brittain We are

Fort William
6TH. May 1719.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{T}.
Your assured hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
Sam^{LL} : Feake.
Jno. Williamson.
Will^{M}. Spencer.
WaterwTH. Collet.
John Eyre.

No. 62

To the Hon^{BLE}. Joseph Collet Esq^{R}.
Presid^{T}. & Gov^{R}. of Fort S^{T}. George &c^{T}. Council.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{T}.

My last to your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. was on the 25th. Ult^{o}. the Bearers whereof are not yet returned.

I herewith send your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. the Persian news paper containing all the Transactions at Court since the change of Government I am forced to remit it written as it is in those Characters here not being a proper Person for an Interpreter that so I might have translated it into English and there being no other news in Town but of the affairs at Court I have no more to add at present but that I now likewise send your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. my last months account amounting to Pag^{s}. twenty four, nine fanams by which your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will find the ballance remaining of the three hundred Pagodas to be no more than nine Pagodas sixteen fanams & seven Cash wherefore I humbly beg your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will be pleased to reimburse me with some more Cash I am

Metchlepatam
29TH. May 1719.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{T}.
Yo^{r}. most obed^{t} : & most [humble]
Servant
Hump^{RY}. [Holcombe].

No. 63

To the Hon^{BLE}. Joseph Collet Esq^{R}.
Presid^{T}. & Gov^{R}. of Fort S^{T}. George on the Coast of Coromandell &c^{T}. belonging to the Hon^{BLE}. English East India Comp^{A}.

Most Noble S^{r}. & dear Freind.

Your acceptable Lines came to my hands dated the 9th. of June O. S. by which I understand the Resolutions that your Hon^{r}. & Council have taken to persuade the

Danish Commend[t]. at Tranquebar to frustrate the designs of the French Interloper which proposals I beleive the Commendant will not agree too [*sic*] because at this time he is of use to him in their great necessity & I cannot find any way to oblige him to it & can say no more to that matter but as to my promise of sending over the two English Men I am disappointed they having made their escape by night with a native of Mastright & cannot be found & so conclude recommending your Hon[r]. to the protection of God I am

NEGAPATAM
1ST. JUNE 1719.

MOST HON[BLE]. S[R]. & WORTHY FREIND
Yo[r]. Hon[rs]. most Faithfull Friend
and ready Servant
ADRIAN DE VISSER.

N[o]. 64

TO THE HON[BLE]. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ[R].
PRESID[T]. & GOV[R]. OF FORT S[T]. GEO[R].
&C[T]. COUNCIL.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[T].

In obedience to your order of the 5th. March last we have carefully examin'd and looked into all accounts Consultations and other papers received from the West Coast and shall now lay before Your Hon[r]. &c[t]. our remarks and observations thereupon in relation to M[r]. Farmer's management of the Hon[ble]. Companys affairs there under the following heads.

FIRST TOUCHING THE ACCO[TS]. OF THE WEST COAST.

As We could get no accounts from thence of what passed in M[r]. Farmers time we can say but little under this head only that it seemed to be his care to conceal & convey away all accounts from us as he did by sending the Originall Books ending 30th. Aprill 1716 on the Rochester to England unballanced & keeping no copy thereof nor any books at all since which he must needs think must create a great deal of confusion and disorder in our Hon[ble]. Masters affairs not to say worse of it who by their repeated orders require that copys of their Book [. . .]ly sent them & us & by their twenty [. . .] paragraph in their Letter to the West Coast [℘ ship] Benjamin[da]ted the sixth February [. . .] say the blame of any such neglect shall lye on the Deputy Governour whom they expect to be accountable. They have passed an order in their Consultation of the 4[th]. September 1717 for producing monthly in consultation Journall parcells of all their accounts but it no where appears to have ever been put in practice.

SECONDLY TOUCHING SHIPS SENT THITHER.

On the 11th. May arrived there the Hester from Borneo with about ten Tons of Pepper the Benjamin 27th. August and the Success the 2[d]. of October directly from England the two last Ships were sent to Bentall & kept there namely the Success from the 4th. Nov[r]. to the 6th. May & the Benjamin from the 19th. January to the 18th. June for Guard Ships and the Hester dispatched for England 11th. February 1717/8 about half loaden whereby the Company suffer the Loss of one hundred & fifty Tons dead Freight by the Hester & eight months demorage by the Benjamin there could be no such necessity for keeping these two Ships so long at Bentall on account the troubles when M[r]. Cooke could quiet all with a small Force in so little time after his arrivall there and if the Hester had not been kept on that Coast but had been sent to Madrass would have saved the Company the Loss of all that dead Freight & the Benjamin might easily have been dispatched in time for England & thereby have saved her whole demorage. The Presid[t]. likewise being kept unemployed for upwards of eighteen months only one trip in all that time she made to Bentall she was so crazy y[t]. she [beca]me unfit for any Service.

THIRDLY TOUCHING THE WARS & THE DAMAGES WHICH ENSUED.

On the 3[d]. Dec[r]. happen'd the war with Padre Pancamar and the Orangoonongs at Bencoolen and about the latter end of Nov[r]. began the troubles at Bentall with

Sultan Guillamot whereupon Mr. Morris was sent Supravisor there in January following with strict orders to obtain a cessation of arms from Sultan Guillamot we cannot but here observe that the latter more especially which happen'd at Bentall was a most expensive war to the Company to require two Europe Ships lying so long there for the releif of that Settlement & twenty thousand Dollers extraordinary expence it seems very evident & plain to us by what appears to have been done upon Mr. Cooks arrivall there that Mr. Farmer might have easily put an end to those troubles at his own pleasure if not intirely have avoided falling into them if proper methods had been taken at first but nothing but a cessation of arms was to be kept up at the same time that Sultan Guillamot was dayly destroying the Country round about them together with the Companys Factorys of Ippue & Tryamong besides severall other adjacent places under their protection by [. . . . . . . de] stroyed about Bentall two hundred [. . .] one thousand two hundred Pepper F[. . .] about Bencoolen occasioned by the [. . .] also twenty six thousand one hundred more.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING HIS ENGROSSING THE SALT TRADE.

The Storekeeper has not been permitted to sell any salt out of the Companys Godown but by Mr. Farmers directions to particular Persons in exchange at 20 Bamboos of Salt for twenty of rice and twenty four of salt for forty eight of Paddy and for ready money at twenty five ℘cent advance after which it has been retail'd in the Buzar as appears by the consultation of the 23d. May 1718 at the extortionate price of four bamboos salt for a Doller which must necessarily breed a great deal of discontent & uneasiness among the people to find they had lost the liberty they formerly enjoyed of buying it out of the Companys Godowns at the usual price abovementioned & in all probability was one cheif occasion of the troubles which happend at Bencoolen besides this is a direct breach of the Companys orders.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING THE BUILDINGS FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

After the disturbance Padre Pancamar and the Orangoonongs had given at Bencoolen it was thought necessary to fortify the place with Turf walls & Trenches [which] were ordered to be made quite round the whole Fort the wall ten foot broad & eight foot high including the breast work and the Ditch to be fifteen foot broad as entered upon their Consultation of the 10th. Decr. 1717 this work was finished and compleated as Mr. Farmer advised the Court of Directors ℘ the Hester & that there should be no further expence nor would it require any further expensive repairs as being a durable and lasting work.

Nevertheless there was Dollers seven thousand five hundred sixty one two Sucas & ninety seven cash afterwards laid out upon it & the breast work was not half finished when Mr. Cooke arrived there which was daily falling down as fast as they could rain it up & near half of it is since washed down by the rains as is particularly noted in their Diarys & Consultations.

The whole charge of this durable & lasting work doth not amount to less than Dollers eleven thousand one hundred seventy eight two Sucas and sixty seven Cash besides this there is another peice of work of the same kind has been carryed on at Bentall by Mr. Morris which was begun wth: out any orders from his Superiors thô their approbation was obtained afterward and the workmen at both places paid for their work in Goods of Messrs. Farmer & Morris.

We cannot but observe [from their Con] sultations and Letters there has been [. .] neglect of the buildings ever since Govr. [Co...] the place but [w]hat reasons Mr. Farmer [. .] for his neglecting so long time the care of those at Moco Moco which were so good a forwardness we cannot well understand.

Mr. Ellill (as is entred upon their Consultations of the 9th. August 1717) having built a new brick house near the Fort covered with Lead which he is willing to dispose of to the Company at prime cost t'was agreed & order'd to buy said house and the materials expended thereon be charged to the Company's building and one hundred & one dollers should be paid Mr. Ellill being so much besides being laid out

by him on said house for China Carpenters, Plumber &c[t]. this house stands close under the South Bastion of the Fort it is altogether useless & very damp & leaky & perhaps must be pulled down when they come to work on that part of the wall.

We must also here take notice of his giving up the gaming License and anchorage of Prows which must contribute a little towards the support of the heavy charge of that Settlement & therefore ought not to have been given up unless the continuance of it was truly attended with great inconveniencys or very ill consequences which it doth not seem to be.

Sixthly touching Goods proper for cloathing the Buggezes & Malay Workmen and Companys Slaves.

There doth not appear to have been issued out of the Companys warehouse to the Paymaster as was usual for payment of the Malay workmen & Buggeezes any cloth from the time of M[r]. Shyllings suspension in June 1717 to the 21st. Aug[st]. 1718 as appears by the Consultation of that date & their Warehousekeeper & Paymaster account while M[r]. Ellill continued Paymaster who in all appearance have been supply'd with M[r]. Farmers Goods all that time as likewise the cloathing the Slaves were Goods bought of M[r]. Farmer in August 1717 & March 1718 and amount to two thousand five hundred Dollers ℔ annum more in proportion than the last cloathing delivered out of the Companys Godowns in September last 1718 all which is directly contrary to the Companys positive orders & what they have frequently forbid to be practiced.

Seventhly touching the suspension of Mess[rs]. Shylling and Garret.

M[r]. Shylling as appears by their Consultations of the 5th [. . .] 1717 was charged with having defrauded the Company of Ryalls eight thousand five hundred eighty eight thirty six sucas in his paymasters employ & by an account curr[t]. entered after their consultation of the same date they have brouaght[*sic*] him in debt to the Company Ryalls twenty one thousand five hundred fifty five two Sucas & fifteen Cash for which he was suspended the Hon[ble]. Companys Service & his effects soon after seized.

How far he may be culpable we cannot truly learn since M[r]. Farmer hath [taken all] the necessary papers to England and no[thing] of Accounts having been kept up which [makes] it impossible to examine into this affair [more] than what we find upon their Consultations where there are severall articles wherein M[r]. Farmer must have injured M[r]. Shylling & principally in the method taken to make out the charge against him for how was it possible to take that exact Survey of the Buildings so as truly to judge what had been expended thereon & it is very plain he has no where any credit given him for the cast out Timbers which as Mess[rs]. Newcome & Kington together with Rawlins all affirm many of them had been delivered from one Paymaster to another successively for a long time past which wanting an inch or two in length & thickness were now thrown out in the valuation of the Buildings they could only count the materials which appeared to view & must compute the rest by guess without any allowance for wast in working them up & besides Mess[rs]. Newcome & Kington two of the Council declare there was never any survey made by the Dep[ty]. Gov[r]. & Council but managed wholly by Mess[rs]. Ellill & Morris M[r]. Farme[r] being sometimes present with them & that they were dissatisfy'd with these proceedings but being overaw'd by the threats which they often rec[d]: from M[r]. Farmer & overpowered by a majority of the Council submitted to sign the consultations & M[r]. Newcome was once offered by M[r]. Ellill from M[r]. Farmer a present of four hundred Dollers if he would Joyn with them in their measures.

It appears further that upon a strict search made among M[r]. Farmer's papers in June 1718 being found an account of Goods in comp[ay]. with M[r]. Shylling dated 22[d]. August 1717 when compared with his proportion of the Goods delivered into the Companys warehouse on account of his debt to M[r]. Farmer hath made an unjust dividend thereof he having taken much the greater part of the course Goods for his own acco[t]. which will yeild sixty or seventy ℔ c[t]. advance or more & the fine Goods

were delivered the Compa. on Shyllings account in part of his debt which will never yeild near the prime cost and for the Hermitage House which was likewise in partnership between them he allows him much less than his real moyety of the cost first & last [...] after having allowed seven hundred Dollers it was not honestly done after his suspension to make his own price for it & what reason Mr. Farmer, could have for concealing any papers of Mr. Shyllings as he did & some of importance as notes for money due to Mr. Shylling from Rawlins & severall other persons to a great amount till they were after some time & trouble spent to gett them taken from him seems very strange in the same manner as Mr. Shylling was Mr. Garret (who arrived there on the Hester from Bentall 28th. Octr. 1717) charged to have defrauded the Company of Dollers twelve thousand & eighty eight two Sucas & nineteen cash while he acted in the Paymaster's employ proved by a survey & computation made of what had been expended in that time & the severall depositions as given against Mr. Shylling for which he was likewise suspended the Companys Service & ordered to be confined as by their consultation of the 6th. November 1717 and both Messrs. Shylling and Garret without having adjusted their accounts to be sent to England the former upon the [...] the latter upon the Hester which is a [clear] breach of the Companys orders in the [...] of their Letter ꝑ the Avarilla dated 15 Jan[uary].

Hereupon Messrs. Farmer, Ellill & Morris, engaged themselves in bonds under the penalty of one thousand Dollers to stand by each [other] in case any alteration might happen to be [...] amongst them from Fort St. George on account of [the] suspension of these two gentlemen which Mr. Farmer was very earnest to conceal by offering his oath that there were not any such bonds or other papers of Messrs. Shylling & Garret & Ellill in his possession till the discovery of them proved the contrary.

He must be conscious surely of some Injustice done them yt. he should thus engage himself with Messrs. Ellill & Morris in bonds to assist each other in opposition to the Government of Fort St. George his account from Fort Marlbrô as well as it was possible to be stated there is herewith delivered Your Honr. &ct. We are.

Fort St. George

23d. June 1719.

Honble. Sr. &cr.

Yor. most obedt. humble. Servts.

Willm. Jennings.

Nathll. Elwick.

Richd. Horden.

No. 65

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George
&ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. &c.

Having looked into [and] thoroughly examined all accounts Letters and Consultations received from the West Coast we shall now in pursuance of your order dated 5th. March last lay before your Honr. &ct. the severall remarks & observations we have been able to make from them touching Mr. James Morris's conduct in the discharge of his trust at Bentall whether he was sent Supravisor of the Companys affairs the 19th. January 1717/8 on the Benjamin & continued there till the 6th. of May following when he returned to Marlborough Fort upon the Success.

First: We find upon the Consultation of the 30th. May 1718, that Mr. Morris while he was there had entre'd upon Building a Turf Fortification round the Factory a work of the same kind as that at Marlborough Fort which began to fall before t'was half finished and therefore altogether useless & could be no defence to the place he must needs see by what had been done at Marlborough before his departure how expensive & needless such a work would be besides it is contrary to former orders which require that they should at Bentall proceed on no new Buildings more than what was absolutely necessary to preserve the health of the People & this was done as Mr. Morris affirms with the Depty. Govrs. leave alone & afterwards approved in a Genll: Letter from Marlborough dated 26th. February 1717/8 but no where mentioned

in the Consultations which in all appearance seems to have been undertaken upon account of the cargo of Goods he carry'd thither with him in order by this means to dispose thereof to the workmen.

Secondly: we observe the ende[avours made] for establishing a peace with the Country [Powers] and inspecting all accounts for which [. . .] therein and endeavours to conceal all Accounts and papers relating thereto as appears by the Consultation of 30th May 1718 is a plain [proof that] he was conscious of having taken some ill step [by his] Letters to Sultan Guillamot earnestly entreat[ing] & inviting him to accept of the Kingdom with great assurance of the Companys favour when he was plundering and destroying the Country round about them and his great concern to conceal these Letters by so stifly denying what was afterwards upon a search found in his possession among his papers plainly a design of restoring Sultan Guillamot without any pretence of reason for so doing but on the contrary to the apparent ruin of the Companys Affairs in that Kingdom.

His pretence also of being sick to excuse his neglect of inspecting the accounts & setling what might be amiss when it was well known to the contrary by Capt. Graves & others who were then present there is as unaccountable as it was unjust to stop the ballances of those accounts for so long time without any reason that we can find for it.

Thirdly: We must now take notice of an Attestation given by Capt. Graves and three of his Officers of a murther committed by Mr. Morris while he was Supravisor at Bentall in cold blood upon the persons of two Malay Men Prisoners of War one of which had his fingers cut off Joint by joint & then his head the other had his head cut off at first they add that after the Fact was committed Mr. Morris ob[serve]d Sultan Cutcheel Buzar to condemn this as such actions as these are highly provoking and wicked & consequently not to be suffered.

Fourthly: By the consultation of the 30th May 1718 it appears that Mr. Morris with Messrs. Farmer & Ellill were engaged in bonds interchangeably signed to assist each other under penalty of one thousand Dollers upon any alteration which should happen to be made amongst them from Fort St. George on account of their prosecution and severe treatment of Messrs. Shylling & Garret this combination in opposition to the authority of the Government Fort St. George is a plain proof of his being conscious to himself of the Injustice he has done Messrs. Shylling & Garret by joyning with Messrs. Farmer & Ellill while he was at Marlborough Fort to send these Gentlemen with the originall Vouchers and all accounts relating to them to England and to lay aside the Generall Books whereby it is become impossible to examine truly into this Affair.

His account as well as it was possible to be stated at Marlborough Fort we herewith deliver & are

Fort St. George
23d. June 1719.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Yor. most obedt. humble. Servts.
Willm. Jennings.
Nathll. Elwick.
Richd. Horden.

No. 66

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Forts
St. George & St. David &ct.
Council.

Honble Sr. &ct:

We have received your favour of the 19th. Inst. observing that the Young Derby is designed for the West Coast the next month & that you purpose sending the King William hither the beginning of that month for our Bales which we compute will amount to near one thousand [at first] hereof is a List of what we have imbaled at [the] Beaters, Washers & in the Merchants Godowns. The

Merchants have performed beyond expectation as to the quantitys of Cloth brought in and having sufficient time for the cureing & washing We doubt not but the Goods in their severall Sortments will meet with your approbation Sunco Narran has brought in Goods to the amo^{t}. of about twenty thousand Pagodas.

We desire a supply of Cash for charges Garrison and carrying on our Investment.

Sunco Narran is sending by boat the hundred Bales provided here on account your old Contract with Suncah Ramah.

Our Secretary is ordered to give to Aparanjee Chitty the Consultation Paragraph relating to his discharge from the Morattas demands.

Our Merchants are acquainted with your purpose about inlarging our Investment six or eight hundred Bales in proportion with the last Contract.

We now send our Warehouse and Storekeeper's Lists for wares & stores wanting with the Secretary for Stationary Ware [...] desire may come upon the King William & We most respectfully subscribe

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
25TH. JUNE 1719.

HON. S^{R}. &C^{T}.
Your most obed^{t}. hum^{ble}.
Serv^{ts}.
FRA^{S}. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATT: WELD.
ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN.
THO^{S}. WRIGHT.
SIM^{O}. HOLCOMBE.
ROB^{T}. BROOKE.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled	675
At the Washers	25
At the Beaters	25
At the Merch^{ts}. Godowns ...	100
Bales ...	1100 (*sic*)

No. 67

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

This accompanys copys of our two last to you since which yours of the 22^{d} February arrived us wherein we observe the arrivall of the Queen of Peace with you & the R^{t}. Honble. Companys design to furnish us with a commission for the tryall of Pyrates which we hope will be of Service, but were it enlarged so as to empower us to execute such Delinquents as were guilty of capitall crimes t'would be more usefull to this Settlem^{t}. by preventing such, as to our no small mortification have been committed here.

From Surat we hear the late King set up by the Vizier, and his Brother is by them deprived of his Life and a younger brother placed on the Throne by which tis conjectured in these parts [that the] two brothers design to cut off all the Royall [Family] and usurp the Regall Authority to themselves.

All other affairs on this Coast continue in the same posture as when we wrote last.

Please to forward the enclosed to Anjengo ℘ first conveyance.

BOMBAY CASTLE
9TH. MAY 1719.

HONBLE. Ss. &cT.
Your very humble servts.
CHARLES BOONE.
LAWCE. PARKER.
STEPN. STRUTT.
JNO. BRADDYLL.
WALTER BROWN.
JNO. COURTNEY.
M. A. CROMMELIN.
BLACKETT MIDFORD.

No. 68

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON. Ss.

I easily persuade myself that I have not the honour to be known to you since I am told by Mr. Christian Brun Govr. of this place that you have formed a design to do me what disservice you can with respect to him by the protest which you sent him signed by you and the Gentlemen of Yr. Council you must Sr. take me for some fflemish Merchant or private trader come from Ostend but I assure you that I am neither [the] one nor the other that I not an Interloper as you believe but that I have the honour of being in the Service of his Imperial Majesty my most august Master in the quality of Capt. of his Ship authorized with his own hand. I have besides my commission for this voyage for wch. I have been appointed or chosen to carry one of his Letters to the great Mogull he also honoured me some time before I came out of Ostend with the title of Knight of the Holy Empire & I have all my orders signed by his most serene Hig[h]ness Prince Eugene of Savoy. If you in any manner doubt of what I have the honour to write to you, as you seem to do very much in your Protest I beg of you to be so good as to send some Person whom you can trust and I will shew him every thing that I have mentioned to you as I have done to the Gentlemen at Trincombar who have registred them I beleive Sr. I have not given you any answer to molest me for I have too great an Esteem & considera-tion for all the Subjects of his Britanick Majesty & am too well acquainted with the strict League & Union that there is between His Imperial & Catholick Majesty my most August Master & His Britanick Majesty. I touched at Cork in Ireland where I was treated in another manner for my Lords Inchiquin, Haubrion & five or six others belonging to that place did me the honour of dining with me aboard severall times with my Lady Broderick wife to Lord Broderick son to my Lord Middleton High Chancelour with several others in Company. The Obligation is solely to be attributed to the advantage I have of Service the greatest of Princes. At the same time thirty men of war commanded by Admiral Bing went from England for the Service of his Imperial & Catholick Majesty to oppose the troops of the Duke of Anjou in their descent upon Italy & tis with pleasure that I hear here that the English have entirely defeated the Spaniards. Thus you see Sr. that did I find myself here among Enemys much superior to me I should have recourse to you persuading myself that representing in these Parts the King of Great Brittain you would do all that you could in consideration of his Imperial & catholick Majesty my most August Master therefore I have the honour to beg Yr. Protection & also in case

you should have any news from Europe that you would pleasure me so far as to impart them to me as also of the scituation of Affairs in Hungary. This favour he begs who is with great Respect

TRANQUEBAR
3D. JULY 1719.

Your most humble. & Most obedt.
Servant
DE. LA. MERVILLE.

No. 69

TO THE VERY HONBLE. FRA HASTINGS.

HONBLE. SR.

Yesterday at five in the evening arrived in this Barr one of our Ships from Batavia called the Koninck Carell who came lately from Holland. There came in company with her two other Ships from Batavia for this place wch. after being out nine days parted from her in a Storm however we are expecting their arrivall she that is already come has brot. an account of the death of the Genll. Vanswoll & the Election of a new Generall Swardecroon who was fourth of Council. The Shabander of Batavia named Jurant is put out Van Heuren my Brother in Law who was second of Sadrass & the Govr. of the Port [...] De Gast who were both the last year sent to Batavia in order to be sent from thence to Holland are not gone by reason of the Death of the said Generall Van Baten is recalled from Batavia in this Ship came fifty English & two English Ladies as also the second of Bencoolen & in the two ships which are to come in each are thirty five English out of an English Ship which came in Comp[any] of our said Ships & in them are the Govr. & some other Officers of Bencoolen who escaped the destruction & treason which the Natives of that Island prepared for them by seizing all the Places belonging to the English at the West Coast. This is the most important as well as the most dismall news that I thought worth Yr. notice & have with the utmost expedition sent an express for that purpose if any more news should come to my knowledge I will without fail let you know it You'll pardon me that this is so ill writt & so full of blots occasioned by writing in hast & want of time to copy it, if you will write to any of yr. countrymen, here to be better informed of them of the calamity which has happen'd to them at Bencoolen send it inclosed to me & I will deliver it securely & will send you the answers they say they are all to be put ashoar to go to Madrass but I beleive not till the other two Ships come & ye. English Ship in which the Govr. of Bencoolen (whom I take to be Mr. Cooke) is to go altogether to Madrass I am with all imaginable respect

NEGAPATAM
6TH. JULY 1719.

Yor. most Obliged
humble. Servt.
J. DORMIEUX.

No. 70

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNOUR &CR. COUNCIL OF MADRASS.

HON. SR. &CR.

Of yours most honoured of the 9th. June O.S. which came safe to our hands the 26th. following N.S. do we perceive how far you have been pleased to agree & approve with our Governrs. proceedings concerning the Emperial Ship [nam]ed Charles the

sixth who is arrived in our Road [late] it seems in severall places as you would interpret our Gov^{rs}. meaning otherwise than in all Justice ought to be understood so would we in regard to preserve still that freindship that so long has continued between the two Governments not omitt to further explanation and as short as possible Yours abovementioned by observation of every post to answer.

The particular Letters that are passed between your Presid^{t}. Govr. Collet & our Govr. can we assure you tho they were only signed by him yet were they all agreed by us first & forwarded so we find no reason what he already has notify'd about the unreasonableness of strangers enjoying the benefits which we other European Nations with so great charges & the loss of Mans blood have procured and daily expences be at for its maintenance, Also the Interlopers trading in these parts both have been & still is all other Companys to greatest injury and prejudice your Hon^{r}. & Council may therefore be assured & beleive that were we provided with our Masters order which could only preserve our future ruin in case an accusation should be laid against us before our Gracious King as the [*sic*] are that nothing on our part should be wanting to deprive them of [their] Intentions but since we have not one word [about] this purpose have our Govr. had reason lamentably to demonstrate before your Govr. how prejudicial 'tis for the common Interest that the other three Nations have excluded our Royall Company out of this their made Unity so this Imperial Ship could have pretensions that hospitable Justice against our will could not been here denyd him and is as great an aggravation to us, as it ever can touch you. We cant tell therefore how Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. & Council so contrary to its meaning have explained our Gov^{rs}. words as he not only has favoured him in equal Justice with one of the strictest in alliance but further other Companys to prejudice other Ships on same acc^{t}. would receive thô this Ship have met with no other than the meerly life's subsistance for his Company, in both these cases you may be assured we are very far from & rather than any other use all means to their hinderance was we provided with the least to our future preservation which we already more at large have shewn.

Herein we can readily agree with Your Hoñ^{r}. & Council as tis of same contents with [our] Gov^{rs}. already sent Letters excepting your dubiousness about this Ship with this reason as the Capt: is a born French man and the Ship fitted out from Ostend in Flanders consequently must have French and English Directors who to shelter this their clandestine trade have for moneys bought & procured this Pass; to the contrary can we with all sincerity assure you that although M^{r}. De la Merville is a French Man & born in Bretagne yet is he under the Emperours own hand & seal by Patent his Capt. to Sea and the Ship by no other Nations than Imperial subjects of Ostend or other Parts in Flanders outfitted, the latter of which there need no further satisfaction than their own ignorance in this expedition for had any other Nation that had the least knowledge of the Affairs in these Parts fitted out the same would they not have imagined no other consequence to follow than just to send a [Ship] to the Indies and in the streets without money [to] get a cargoe to return home with what he has [on] here out with him is of so insignificant a value that we are ashamed to mention it & not sufficient to bear the charges of their expences home which on our words we assure you to confide in.

Your Hon^{r}. & Council's Sentiments about the Emperour's & Council's ignorance of the Indian Customs as to send a Letter to the Great Mogull not so much as a servant to carry it, this we think to be above our sphere to reason about will therefore leave this altogether untouched. This is certain y^{t}. we both have seen and handled a Letter he has from the Emperor to the Great Mogull but what it contains or to what end have we no further knowledge of as yet but what we by apparent presumptions can imagine.

The before mentioned reasons shew why we would not deny De La Merville to come on our road not that we were so willing & free to spare them provisions which no Christian humanity could have denyed when we came to know how bad their condition was. It is also true that he not only could have got some assistance from the Black but also which they often offered him both Liberty to Trade & to make an establishment but as he hitherto have been in our hands [for] private means & for the common good have we [. . .] prevented and hindered so we think, tho not [so]

publickly have been as prejudicial to him as [o]ther Nations excepting that we dare not by subtile manner use that inhuman barbarity as to be the occasion of his & his People's death by denying ym. necessary provisions or to give him no time at all to lament for his proceeding folly to undertake so dubious precautious Voyage on so slight a foundation which he now thot: 'tis too late, not only perceive but also acknowledge to be bauckd of all his hopes of doing any thing to his advantage.

What your Honr. & Council mentions abt. the order that every one that has a command in the Indies intrusted with from his Majesty may as far it pertains agree with all Nations either it may be in the way of commerce or differences that may happen between the Indian Puissancer but if yours extends further to act offensive whereby disputes might arise between crowned heads as we are deprived from any such powers, may you pardon us that we are thoughtfull timorous on one accord to joyn with you in such proceedings which in time would certainly occasion of our ruin & even death as long as we had not our Masters absolute orders to our protection in the like cases which we now stand in need off.

The construction Govr. Collet is pleased to explain his meaning with on the words which he signifys on too hard terms by our Govr: to have been Resented find we us on our Masters account obliged to return thanks for hereby assuring yt. although we thought to have had sufficient reason to beleive their contents intended as an urgent affront to our Royall Company yet from the freindship hitherto recd. from Govr. Collet will we not harbour the least ill thought that the [*sic*] were meant us to any prejudice and as we for our own part are not Masters of the English Language intreat that in case ℘ accident a word of two significations should happen they would put the best construction thereon which we on our parts shall also observe.

We for our part can assure you that our whole Study is to keep up a true Friendship & amity & to continue that Union and good correspondence which we & after our Royall Masters order always have endeavoured to maintain between Yr. Honble. Company & ours that so long has been unstired with this favourable request that Yr. Honr. and Council will prevent hereafter further disputes yt. could arise on the acct. of this Emperial Ship & as Freinds not desire impossibilitys to our ruin but rather be persuaded & beleive that with all Respect & sincerity are

Castle Dansborg
8th. July 1719 N.S.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.
Yor. most ready humble:
Servts.

Christian Brun.
Rd. Attrip.
Jacob Lundt.
P. K. Panck.

No. 71

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

It is with the greatest concern that we acquaint you of the misfortunes that have befallen us & our Honble. Masters Affair's since our advices by the Queen & George Brigantine wherein we did with too much confidence assure you of the perfect peace and tranquillity we then enjoyed at Marlbrô Fort, which the satisfaction the Nabob [was pleas]ed to express in our administration gave us [but] little reason to imagine would prove of so short a date our pepper for sometime after coming in very plentifully & we had frequent promises from them of much larger quantitys ready to be brought out of the country. We had made a progress in our Buildings even beyond our own expectation the foundation of one Gorge and two curtains of our Fort Walls being laid and raised in brick & Chinam a foot above Ground & the Earth laid open for a third in the space of little more than a month and we had made such provision

for brick & Chinam that we should have had sufficient to have compleated the whole which at the rate we had begun might have been finished in less than a twelve month. Thus we thought ourselves successfull in all our Undertakings and 'twas no small pleasure to us to think that by diligently serving our Masters it would add to our credit and in a more particular manner recommend us to their favour hereafter but in the midst of our prosperity all our hopes were blasted by a secret combination of the whole Country against us which they certainly designed to have put in execution whilst we had no Ship in the Road to assist us the Metchlepatam having been at Bentall from the 21st. Jañry but fortunately returned to our assistance on the 18th. March being very few days before this horrid plot was discovered.

It was late at night on the 23d. March before we had the least suspicion of any treachery when Capt. Gibb advised the Deputy Govr. that Dupatty Benteering had got together between four & five hundred Men in his Dusan & that he beleived they designed to make war with the Compa. The Depty: Govr. immediately dispatch'd a Letter to him to know the reason of his entertaining such numbers of People in his Dusan ordering him immediately to disperse them & to come himself to the Fort, in the morning where if he had any complaints to make they should be heard & he should have redress which if he did not comply with we should no longer esteem him our freind but treat him as an Enemy early in the morning he sent a trifling answer assuring us of his Freindship but taking no notice of dispersing his people or coming himself to the Fort as desired whereupon the Council was immediately summoned and acquainted with what had passed when it was agreed to send Mr. Mackey who was the Dupattys freind to bechar with him and persuade him to come to the Fort about noon he returned with the Dupattys answer who promised to wait on the Depty. Govr. the next morning in the mean time our Pangarans & Dattues were sent for to advise with on this occasion who were the Persons that ought to have given us the first notice thereof but they seemed to make slight of it & persuaded us that the Dupatty was an honest good Man & one that would not be guilty of any ill action against the Company the People at his Dusan being only Friends that he had invited out of the Country to feast with him this different Opinion of theirs made us jealous of their fidelity which made us desire them all to take a fresh oath of Allegiance to the Company & the present Depty. Govr. & Council before we beechar'd further wth. them on this Affair which they did with much persuasion consent to & it was performed by one of their Padrees after which Pangaran Munco Rajah undertook to bring in the Dupatty & did accordingly set out himself for Benteering but not an hour after he was gone out of the Fort We were alarm'd with the dreadfull sight of the [sorrounding] Plantations on Fire it being then about six of the clock at night.

A strong Party was immediately sent out to Bencoolen under the command of Ensign Adair with orders to proceed early the next morning on the 25th. March to Dusan Benteering & to engage the Enemy either there or where he should meet them using his endeavours to destroy the Dusan & as many of their people as possibly he could but in this we had no success for want of the Pangarans assistance who had promised to supply him with Sampans to ferry his people over the water at Benteerin or when he should have occasion for them but in this they deceived us for our party finding the body of the Enemy had fortify'd themselves with a strong breast work of firewood & some small Guns on the other side the River over against the Sugar Plantations not one Sampan was sent by the Pangarans according to their promise for want of which he could only come to an engagement with them across the River in which manner they continued till about four in the afternoon when most of our Buggeeze Coffrys & Chineese having left the English the Ensign with the rest retired into the Fort about six in the evening having performed but little execution on the enemy by the acct. we had from the Ensign we plainly found that the whole Country was concerned in this rebellion the principall Persons that he saw & knew to be amongst them was Rajah Bujong Pangaran Munco Rajah's Uncle most of the Dupattys of the Dusans adjacent to us with many of the Inhabitants & Buzar People at Bencoolen who were headed by Dupatty Benteerin & Sillebrian but he could not well guess at their number they being

under cover of the trees & the Breast work they had raisd of Firewood & Mr. Allicolk from Sillebar had given us an account the same day that Pangaran Jentinelly & his Country were also in concert with them.

On the 26th. March in the morning the strongest party We could muster of English Buggeeze Coffrys & Chineese were ordered out to engage them undr. the command of Mr. Newcome & Ensign Johnson but when they came to Bencoolen to joyn the Buggeeze they were strangely surprized to find them refuse to fight without a ℘sent reward and Mr. Newcome was credibly informed that a considerable number of Buggeeze were laid in Ambush to fall on the English of which he immediately sent advice to the Fort whereupon the signall was given to recall the Party which prevented our coming to any action that day the Sultan being examined pretended that a wrong interpretation was put on what he said at Bencoolen & would have persuaded us that he had always been & was still ready & willing to fight for the Company but our suspicion of his treachery made us unwilling to trust him at that time.

About eleven a clock the same day Pangaran Munco Rajah brot. a token as he said was from his Uncle Rajah Bujong from Singledemoon to give us notice that two hundred Orangoonongs were come on our side Singledemon & desired we would lend the Malays some arms to defend themselves this we had great reason to suspect [was] false Rajah Bujong himself being at that time in arms against us at Benterin but the Pangaran positively affirmed he was then at [Single] demoon notwithstanding Ensign Adair [who had] seen & spake to him the night before at Benter[in].

When we found ourselves so deeply involved in troubles on all sides that we were betrayed by our own Pangarans & our Buggeeze had given us just cause to suspect their honesty so that we had none but the English Coffrys & Chineese to trust to the former of which did not exceed one hundred twenty five Persons in number both civil & military & most of them unexperienc'd or disabled Men & the former had given us but small encouragement to depend on them by their deserting Ensign Adaire from Benteerin with this small force We thought our selves in some danger of being overcome wherefore a Generall Council was called of all the Company's Servts. & Inhabitants of the Place to consult about saving what we could of the Companys Effects & making some provision for our passage if we should be put to flight when every one gave their opinion that we had little or no probability of saving the Factory & that it was for the Companys Interest as well as our own safety to put on board the ship Metchlepatam the Companys Treasure & Books with what Stores and Provisions our time would permit with all the expedition and secrecy it could be possibly contrived after which if we were obliged to it we might make our escapes in the best manner we could by the help of the Ship Metchlepatam & what Boats we had by us the remainder of that day was spent in pursuit of this resolution but no Boats could be got off that evening.

About seven a clock the next morning being the 27th. March the Companys Treasure &ct. as ℘ the inclosed Bill of Lading were sent on board. About eight news was brot. that both the Pangarans with their Wives & Children were eloped from Bencoolen in the night time & no acct. could be given which way they were gone about ten Sultan Cutcheel who [...] from Bentall on the ship Metchlepatam undertook to accommodate matters with the country People provided we would consent to their choosing new Pangarans to which he agreed but before he could come to a Beechar with them the Portugueeze Padree's Slave brought news from Bencoolen that the Buggeeze & Malays were risen there and had cut of the Padree & most of the Portugueeze Men Women & Children in a very barbarous manner he had hardly done telling his story when a large fire broke out at Bencoolen another near the Fort behind Camberry Paggar another towards Sillebar and soon after the Hermitage house was set on fire all this time no enemy appearing but still fresh fires breaking out in different places which could not have been done otherwise than by our Buggeezes or the Malays that were then in our Service no enemy yet appearing We discharged what few great Guns we had mounted at the thickest of the Fire where we thought the enemy might be in doing of which one of the wadds of our own Guns unfortunately fell upon the Attops of the Fort Buildings which took fire & burnt so feirce that there

was no extinguishing of it at which time we marched out of the Fort in one body to meet the Enemy ; We first past the lower Guard from thence round the Horse stable Hill to the Hermitage & so by the China Town & Brick sheds [which] were all on fire but no enemy to be seen [to] come to the sea side where we see some [thousands] of the Malays headed by our Sultan & B[...] which train reached from Bencoolen to Marlbro most of the Chineese had secured themselves in the boats & on board their own Prows We had none then left to stand by us but the Coffrys under these disadvantages We thought it in vain to hazard our Lives any longer against so numerous an Enemy ; Our Fort & most of our Buildings being destroyed by fire which put every man upon saving his life by swimming or getting aboard the boats in the best manner he could in which attempt near half of our People were either drown'd & killed by the Enemy before they could make their escape.

The next morning we computed near three hundred & fifty Souls black & white Men Women & Children were saved on board the ship Metchlepatam Mr. Newcome's Barge & three Tombongons for which number we had not water for above five days at a pint a man each day ; our first design was to go for Bentall but both the Wind & Currt. were so strong against us that we could not stir that way & so it continued till the 29th. March till which time we remained in the road when we were obliged to alter our resolution & make the best of our way for Batavia where in all probability we might soonest arrive as the wind & Currt. then set, or at some place where we might get some fresh water which we could not expect to be supply'd with on the Coast of Sumatra to the Southward of Bentall after we had supplyd each boat with five days provisions of water & rice, We weigh'd anchor & set sail in Company for Batavia.

On the 2d. Aprill we lost sight of all our Boats.

On the 9th. Do. we anchored at Mew Island where we watered and got some provisions.

On the 11th. Do. we weighed from thence and arrived at Batavia on the 16th

On the 18th. & 19th. arrived there also fifty of our Military from Lompoon who were sent in the Boats to guard the Coffrys and Slaves & had [put] in there for water where the Coffrys mutiny'd & cut away the rigging of their Boats which occasion'd them to drive on shoar when the Coffrys left ym. being encouraged by one Serjeant Thomas Wright who also went with them the rest of our Europeans after being plunder'd by the Natives of the very Shirts off their backs they were at last so kind as to assist them with two large Sampans in wch : they saved their Lives & arrived at Batavia.

We met with kinder usage as to our entertainment at Batavia than indeed we expected who assisted us in transporting one hundred and twenty of our People on their ships to this place seventy of which had their passage free and the Ships provisions they working for the same and for fifty more we were obliged to pay twenty Rix Dollers for their Transportation & twenty Rix Dollers more each to the Captains for their provisions in the Voyage thirty Persons more came with the Depty. Govr. on the Ship Metchlapatam and seven more are on board the Madrass Brigantine who left Batavia in Company with us so that we have sav'd one hundred & fifty seven Persons from the hands of our Enemys besides twenty Slaves belonging to the Honble. Company & private Persons [whom] we disposed off in Batavia one of the Du[tch] Ships arrived here the 24th. Inst. when Mr. [New] come &ct. advised The Govr. of our misfortune] the Letter we understand is not yet gone from this Place. The Metchlepatam arrived here yesterday and this day the other two Dutch Ships on which are our whole compliment & we shall stay no longer here than absolutely necessary to provide for our passage to Fort St : George where we hope to arrive soon after this comes to your hands the Madrass Brigantine is not yet arrived.

Whilst we were in Batavia we used all our endeavours to send some assistance to Bentall, tho we had but little reason to hope that place had escaped the same Fate we our selves had met with, but in this the Dutch opposed us in all our proposals. The Depty. Governr. would have gone himself on the Metchlepatam with as many of our People as she could conveniently carry but this they would not allow without he could

take all our people along with him which was altogether impossible nor would they supply us with a Vessell to send down on that occasion. We endeavoured to hire the Madrass Brigantine but the Master & Supracargo alledged she was not in a condition to proceed We then proposed to the Dutch that we might leave four chests of treasure & some Gunpowder to be forwarded to them on the Amelia on her arrivall but they refused to take charge of it as they pretended least disputes might ensue. We then requested leave to leave it in the hands of any private Person or that we might leave some of our own servants to take charge of it but they would not consent to any one of these proposals nor suffer the treasure to be left behind in any manner whatsoever we had drawn out a Protest against them for this refusall but when we were going to deliver the Shawbunder who had been our Freind plainly told us what the effect would be that the next English Ship that fell in there would suffer for it in meeting with worse treatment than ever any yet had done whereas we ourselves had been civilly treated in all other respects upon this we considered that the Amelia would Shortly be the first (for whom we have left orders to proceed first to Bentall & from thence to Fort S^t^. George with advices if She arrives time enough to get away by the 15th. June if not to come directly to Fort S^t^. Geo^re^.) as also the outward bound China Ships & probably this years shipping for the West Coast might be obliged to put in there for provisions which if they should fail off our Company might suffer more than the advantage they would reap by our Protest upon which consideration 'twas agreed not to be delivered.

This is a true Narrative of our proceedings since our troubles commenced & what we have omitted herein you will find more particularly incerted in our Dyarys & Consultations when we come to lay them before Your Hon^rs^. &c^t^. for your perusall which we hope will be sufficient to demonstrate that this misfortune is no ways owing to our Misconduct which we submitt to Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. favourable construction & beg leave to Subscribe

NEGAPATAM
28TH JUNE 1719.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.
Your most obedient
& Obliged humble Serv^ts^.
THOMAS [COOKE].
STEPHEN [NEWCOME].
WILLIAM PALMER.

N°. 72

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

This serves to acknowledge the receipt of your Hon^r^. &c^ts^. Letter dated the 4th. Ins^t^. by Ship Page that arrived the 8th.

Our Nabob has not hitherto made any demand of the Ammunition formerly mentioned and we shall be sure strictly to comply with your Hon^r^. &c^as^. orders in relation to supplying him with Guns or Gunners.

We have received the supply of Cash & Stores sent us on the Page & M^r^. Cornelius Moll has made good to the Honble. Companys Cash the bill of Exchange for two thousand Pagodas drawn upon him by our Cheif.

Capt. Middleton shall be supplyd with what plank he is in want of for the use of the George Brigantine but there is little come fit for sheathing before it is saw'd which will occasion that business to go very slowly on having but two sets of Sawyers in the place & those very tedious at their work wherefore we desire your Hon^r^. &c^t^. will please to order what plank is sent for that use to be saw'd into one inch and a half thickness about the number of two hundred & unless it arrives very

peedily it will be hardly practicable she should be fitted time enough to be with Your Honr. &ct. in September. We likewise request a candy of Sheathing Nails Iron being not procureable here at present.

The Rice your Honr. &ca. were pleased to send us for the use of this Factory came very seasonable towards the releif of our servants and other Inhabitants although it is charged at eighty Pags. the Garse, We are at a loss to make a computation of the measure by oun [*sic*] Cunshem wch. is fourteen seer & a half there being scarce one bag full and from one to two Cunshens wanting in each bag we have enquired strictly concerning this matter of the Master of the ship who imputes it to the Cooleys & Boatmen that carried it on board Notwithstanding we shall be particularly carefull the Honble. Company are not loosers since Yr. Honr. &cts. intentions were so much for the good & benefit of this Place. This being the needfull we have not further but respectfully subscribe our selves

VIZAGAPATAM — HONBLE. SR. &CA.

19TH. JUNE 1719.

Yor. most obliged & Obedt.
humble. Servts.
CORNS. MOLL.
JOHN BLUNT.

P.S.

We desire Yr. Honr. &ct. will please to supply us wth. four Candy of Europe Iron & some spectacles. Our Cheif havs. advised in a private Lettr. yt. there has been 7 : 10 (co. ps.) of Betteelas amots. to Pags. 371 : 7 (fa.) delivered in Fort St. Geore. more than what has been specifyd in any Invoice from ys. place we have therefore debted yr. Presidency for that Summ.

No. 73

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORTS ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

Your favour of the 6th. ulto. came to hand the 29th. and the 3d. Inst. we received by Peons overland ten thousand Pagodas with Mr. Secretarys Letter dated the 30th. of which we were advised by Tappys the day before.

With your Letter beforementioned came a List of Goods to be provided here by Christmass as an additionall contract for about one thousand four hundred Bales with our Honble. Masters observations on the Fort St. David Goods received in the year 1718 to both which we shall first reply & then proceed to answer what touched upon in their Letter by the King William relating to our management of their Affairs in this Settlement.

The Merchants at last have agreed to provide the 1400 Bales you now order but not without much begging for your favour in a larger proportion of midling and fine Goods which Sorts being pretty well approved of by our Honble. Masters we dismissed them with some small hopes for their incouragement to bring Goods in briskly & of full Lengths & breadths in which lately they have not fail'd & as our Salampores brown are to be full two covids & a quarter broad according to last contract so the Warehousekr. is strictly not to measure a peice under that breadth or that is not thirty two covids long. We have daily small showers of rain and (thank

God) there's no want of water for our washing the cloth which by extraordinary care & taking away half the conjee will (we doubt not) answer expectation and we may venture to say the former faults in that particular & the breadth of the Sallampores are effectually amended.

We shall be very carefull that all the sorts of cloth are kept up to their full Lengths & breadths without loosing any thing in substance.

Our Honble. Masters remarks that the Worriapollam Salampores Invoiced I.W. by the Ship Marlbrô are the worst of their kind that were ever sent both for cloth & sortment which is a mistake for never any Cloth Invoiced wth. that mark was sent from this place.

Having answer'd their remarks & your second paragraph & to the third about overbeating the cloth that fault was mended at the same time we took away half of the rice.

The good orders made here by the Honble. Presid^t^. for redressing the Peoples grievances have & shall on all occasions be obey'd to convince new comers as well as all others [that] you continue in the same resolution of [pardon]ing or punishing whosoever shall oppress [...] we shall take a proper time to publish the [pro]clamation and have made a standing order for so doing once every year.

Whenever the Merchants from Porto Novo or other places can be persuaded to reside at Cuddalore we shall give them all fitting incouragement and a particular Cowle for the customs they are to pay so that they can never suffer by impositions.

Your orders about landing Goods Custom free that are bought purely with a design to be shipped off for another market & keeping them so long in Warehouse under the Sea Customers & Merchants Locks to prevent selling in[here] shall be obey'd & we shall give notice to [such] of these favourable concessions which [with the] new Fortifications at Cuddalore [will] incourage their speedy coming [into the port] and the sooner by reason of the Wars that are expected all over the country from the revolutions at Court.

All imaginable care is taken about the collections & payments of our revenues & we have advised when the Renters by the misfortune of a drought & Famine could not comply with their Cowles.

We shall order the Ground that is not used by the bound Renters to be filled with Palmera or Coco Nutt Trees according as the nature of the soil agrees with each other.

We are sorry to find in your last paragraph that the want of water is like to hinder your Washer's business but hope to hear that some of our late showers have gone as far as your place.

Inclosed comes our account Cash for Last month and desiring our Account Currant in order to ballance our Gen^ll^. Books. We most respectfully subscribe

FORT S^T^. DAVID | HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.
8TH JULY 1719. | Y^or^. most obedient humble servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
MATTHEW WELD.
ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
ROBERT BROOKE.

N°. 74

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Forts S^t^. George
& S^t^. David &c^r^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^r^.

The King William is now coming to an Anchor in our Road from the copy of your Letter under the 8th. Ins^t^. by her we have noted the second Paragraph relating to the twenty thousand Pagodas paid Sunca Rama on account our new Contract and to the other Articles we shall reply when the treasure Wares and Stores are delivered.

In answer to your favour of the [13th ins^t^.] about the Lengths and bread[t]hs of Sallampores [the] Merchants here oblige themselves to comply [with] what your's have agreed to and our Warehouse-keeper has a copy of your order to prevent misunderstandings.

We have signifyed to the Merchants y^r^. permission for providing forty to fifty Bales of Blew Cloth and to bring in five hundred Bales over and above the fourteen hundred in part of next years Contract.

We now send an account of Young Narrans Moveables, Houses &c sold at publick though the money is not yet received.

We send also an account of the Progress in our Buildings since last January and most respectfully subscribe

Fort S^t^. David
21st. July 1719.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Yo^r^. most obed^t^. humble serv^ts^.
Fra^s^: H[astings].
[John Berlu].
[Matthew Weld].
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Sim: Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

N°. 75

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Governour of Fort S^t^. George &c^t^. Council.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

This serves to accompany my Account for the month of May amounting to Pag^s^. thirty twenty one fanams in which the ballance due to me is twenty one Pagodas four fanams and seventy three Cash besides there is due to me the amount of last months Charges being for the month of June wherefore I humbly beg your Hon^r^. &c^t^. will be pleased to reimburse me with some more money.

All the month past & even till now we have had very hard tempestuous weather that the vast showers of Rain which have daily fell have caused an inundation all over the Country & they say that Dieu Island is above middle deep in water by which the Fort there is lyable to be washed away.

The cook room of this Factory is all blown down and a great many tiles from the top of the House which gave a passage for the rain that all the chambers proved leaky wherefore I made them repair the top of the house but waite your Hon^rs^. &c^as^. orders what to do to the Cookroom.

I see nothing more needfull to advise Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. than that the Peons who went with my Letters of the 25th. Aprill last are not returned which with my humble respects to the Board concludes me with the greatest submission.

METCHLEPATAM HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

[2ND. JULY] 1719. Yo^r^. most obed^t^. & most obliged humble Servant HUMP^RY^. HOLCOMBE.

N°. 76

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE & THE COAST OF COROMANDELL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^BLE^: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. & WORTHY FREIND.

As you have been apprised of the Ostend Interloper's being at Anchor at Tranquebar She went from thence to Porto Novo & anchored just out of the Road from whence I am app[rehensive] that they waite their [*sic*] in expectation of a [perwan]na from the Nabob Saddatullah Cawn in [order] to their Setling at Porto Novo and Cobelong[having] engaged with one Marr Chitty the Nabob['s...] who has undertaken to solicite the affair for [them] to which refer.

Herewith comes an abstract of a Letter from the President of Porto Novo which will give you a better Light therein.

My opinion is that if they meet with their desired Success it will be of considerable ill consequence to both your Affairs & ours on this Coast.

Therefore I desire and am ready to joyn with you with all my power and [di]ligence to impeed their procedings with sa[id Na]bob which I think most necessary and [...] bound to promote the Interest of [our Honble Em]ployers I have already writ t[...] leave to Your Hon^rs^. prudent management the further prosecution thereof so recommending Your Hon^r^: to the Almightys protection I am cordially yours &c^t^.

NEGAPATAM HON^BLE^. S^R^. & WORTHY FREIND

AUG^ST^. THE 7TH. 1719. Yo^r^. Hon^rs^: faithfull Freind & most obedient Servant ADRIAN DE VISSER.

AN ABSTRACT OF A LETTER DATED AUGUST 2^D^. 1719 FROM THE CHEIF OF PORTO NOVO WILLIAM VAN LYLL TO THE HON^BLE^. ADRIAN DE VISSER GOV^R^. & DIRECTOR OF THE COAST OF COROMANDELL.

The 28th. of the last month I apprised your Hon^r^. that without the Road came to Anchor the Ship Emperour Charles and the Commendant thereof sent to the Hovildar to know what answer he had received from the Phousdar Dannarau and send him word.

I understand from the Hovildar that they wait in expectation of a Perwanna from the Nabob for this Port & Cobelon in such manner that no other Nation shall be

permitted to trade in neither Port but themselves and it is certain that it will be granted according to their request for they waite only the return to Marr Chitty from the Nabob with the Perwanna.

Vera Copia

CORNELIUS VAN OUTVELL.
Secry.

THE ANSWER TO A CHARGE EXHIBITED BY THE PRESIDT. & COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEOR. FOR CRIMES AND MISDEAMEANORS SAID TO BE COMMITTED BY JAMES MORRIS WHEN IN THE HONBLE. COMPANY'S SERVICE ON THE WEST COAST AS FOLLOWS.

IN ANSWER to the first Article drawn from a recited extract out of the Consultation at Marlborough of the 30th. May 1718 wherein there's la[id a] charge of breach of orders in putting the Fa[ctory] of Bentall in a posture of defense by erec[ting a] breast work of earth round it & clearing the [...].

The desire I have to give you [Hon'ble] Gentlemen as well as every body else herein [stat]ed the best satisfaction my present circumstances will allow of and taking the cheif Stress of said charge to lye on this head shall proceed to answer the severall particulars herein contained as fully as possible the time will allow humbly hope the necessary Liberty I may be obliged to take in my own defense will not be construed to my prejudice on which shall proceed. In answer to the first particular wherein it is alledged I might have seen by the example of Marlborough that the work was of no duration or service by the falling down thereof which I am obliged to deny for I never saw any of it fall excepting what was really [thro]wn down through Mr. Ellill's means by raising brick Parapat and planting Guns thereon [...] next day after it was raised which [...] against as severall of the Gentlemen [...] remember besides if that at [...] not so well performed as it ought to be I hope that will not be brought for a reason that all works of the like nature must be useless or that Bentall Factory ought therefore to have been left open & defenceless to the loss not only of the Honble. Companys estate but the Lives of a great many of their Servants for it is not like Marlborough where one may get off at any time by water for no Ships Boats can come ashore there by reason of the great Surf & even it is with the greatest hazard any person goes off or comes ashore in the Country Boats which I think is a very substantiall reason for fortifying in the best manner we could at that time this place we were obliged to defend or dye in. as to the serviceableness of such Work I dont desire my own Judgment should be taken but if you'l please to examine into the greatest & best Fortifications of Europe you'l find the Major part of Earth but to come nearer to the spot I observed the Dutch took the same at Pactang and were at work in that manner when we were there whereby one would think it should be both usefull & lasting for according to my notion which I beg pardon for if wrong the Dutch have not so great a Liberty of laying out their Masters mony as to throw it away upon useless trifles.

Next as to the second particular wherein it's said there was positive orders that no new Buildings should be erected at Bentall more than what were absolutely necessary for the preservation of the health of the People I cannot see occasion to say much thereon having already shown in part the necessity of that work & must beg to be excused if I cant see the breach of orders herein for I am sure nothing can be more conducive to the maintaining the health and safety of Persons in the defending and protecting their Lives from the Assaults of an enemy.

As to the third particular wherein it is objected my doing that work at Bentall was without orders first had from Marlborough Fort I shall not go about to make use of false pretences or evasions to defend the same but as I propose throughout the whole affair with the utmost sincerity and truth to proceed to show the reasons for it as well as in complyance with the intent and meaning of my Instructions it brings me of course to the posture of affairs at Bentall on my arrivall and under an obligation of

inlargeing on the necessity thereof in prosecution of which shall beg leave to incert a paragraph of a Letter to Mr. Richard Farmer the then Govr. of the West Coast wherein the real state [of the] place is set forth and at a time when there [will] be no suspicion of the present Occurrences [which in] duce me to be partiall in said relation [which is] no other than the recitall of matter of Fact [to a] superior I was obliged in duty to give an account of the then posture of affairs.

" Sr. After a tedious passage of fourteen days I arrived here where I found every " thing in the most deplorable condition imaginable the Settlement at Ippue destroyed " & Mr. Burton with all his people killed. Tryamong suffered the same Fate with four " men that were put in for defence of the Paggar A Cooboo made on the otherside the " river whereby all communication with you was cut off and all the Pacquets sent this " way stopt and the Bearers made Prisoners the pe[ople of] Praynia on the other side "insulting of [. . .] night by alarming and attack [ing . . . .] " where all the People live wh [. . . .] dependance on for provisions " which makes things so short that we can hardly get so much as a Fowl or Goat " much less a Buffalo for subsistance of our own People and those of the Shipping. " Our paggar so weak and rotten that a Child may almost pull it down our Slaves " most of them run away & some joyned with the Enemy against us.

This was the posture of affairs on my arrivall at Bentall & I take the Liberty to assure you very favourably represented for the Paggar was not only so weak as mentioned but the Gate ways in such a condition that they were expected every little gale of wind to fall especially that next the sea leaned so much that we were forced to underprop it with peices of timber or whatever we could gett to keep it from falling. Capt. Graves had got most of the Guns mounted by making new Carriages before my arrivall which I continued to compleat by the assistance of his Carpenters but our Guns when mounted lay even with the Ground the upper part of the Port wholly open so that it was but stepping upon the Gun & you might come in as you pleased but if you fired the Guns (it is a thousand to one but they overset by the uneaveness of the Ground) you had as many doors as ports for an Enemy to enter at upon a levell with you and I am sure all the Strength we had would not remount six of them in an hour in the mean time we must have made a noble fight & for to defend this wretched place I had not above twenty four Men & latterly but sixteen both white and black that were any thing able to do duty & about as many from the Ships Men & boys sick & well I beg the favour to have the matter impartially & favourably considered & would submit to the Judgment of any reasonable Man what he would have done had it been his case I carryed no force with me to defend it only two Men a Serjeant & a Servant there not being people at that time to be spared from Marlborough Fort. My communication with the Gentlemen I was to receive directions from intirely cut off by Land and by Sea it was so precarious and so tedious, there be could no dependance on it; having lost two Boats and a third overset on this Bar in that Service I cannot imagine what other course there was to be taken must I have waited a month or six weeks & may be longer for orders before I had provided for the security of this Place if I had I am sure nothing but the [Ex]traordinary good Providence of God could [have] preserved us and if I understand my Inst[ruction] a right I humbly presume I have not at [all de] viated from the meaning thereof for in the [fourth] Paragraph it says all second means are [neces]sary for preservation and again in the fifth paragraph it gives me the authority of judging the necessity as well as usefullness of those second means in our power as follows—" Could we be well assured of the circumstances of Affairs there " we should be more particular in our Instructions to you but as they may alter daily " and different contingencys happen We are obliged to refer the further Transaction of " Affairs to your prudence & management " which I take leave to say I think impowered me in case of any apparent hazard or difficultys which was unforeseen at that time to use all possible means to prevent & [defend the] Honble. Companys Estate from such danger [as I] was sent thither to protect and [to defend it]. Thus far I have proceeded to [. . .] Honr. &ct. Gentlemen the reasonableness as well as necessity of such a work & that therein I only followed the intent and meaning of my instructions and thereby humbly presume according to Law and Justice I am not accountable for so doing the

I had not been cleared afterwards by the approvall of the Govr. & Council of Marlborough Fort which was done as soon as I had opportunity of advising them thereof; I beleive there's no Gentlemen in the Place but what will allow it agreable to Sense & reason that the confirmation of any act is as good as an order for doing the same at least I am pretty sure the indemnity in Law is equall I need not refer to the Generall Lett^r^. since M^r^. Cooke is pleased to allow it to be so (as mentioned in the Extract) but as to the fourth and last particular it is no more than a bare supposition and therefore should not have troubled Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. Gentlemen therewith but to let you see there's as little reason for that as the rest I took no other Factory employ on me then Cash Keeper but left the whole management of the Paymasters Business to M^r^. Ballet who if alive will clear me from this Aspertion, by declaring I did not gain a Dollar there he was well acquainted with that Affair & knows I never interfered the least in it to make any advantage to myself and if may be credited am still above one hundred Dollers out of Pocket on account said expedition besides if I am not mistaken the People were paid for that work in money but cannot be positive because have not the inspection of the account of the time.

In Answer to the second Article which [seve]rally tends to the laying a crime to my charge of opposing an Establishment confirmed from Fort S^t^. George & thereby prejudicing the Honble. Companys Affairs by endeavouring the reinstateing Sultan Guillamot in his Kingdom

I think I need not trouble your Hon^r^. &c^t^. Gentlemen with my answer & reasons at large to every particular herein contained as being w^t^. we are wholly agreeable to my Instructions part of the third paragraph of which shall recite and then beg the Liberty to answer a few inferences contained in the extract of Marlborough Fort Consultations and a few Citations of Paragraphs of Letters will conclude the anwser [to] this Article.

We finding our selves not in a [neces]city at present to protect the respective pepper [plan]tations against so numerous & potent an en[emy think] it most adviseable to lett Sultan Cutcheel with[draw] himself from Bentall which by a Gen^ll^. Letter from thence we are informed he is willing to do and whereas abundance of Sultan Guillamotts subjects still retain their allegiance to him and are ready upon the first occasion to reinstate him upon his Throne. We think it absolutely necessary so far to give way to a thing we shall otherwise be compell'd to by force of arms and in future must necessarily be treated as enemys after such a compulsion which if prevented by acquiscing with Sultan Guillamots intentions we shall still retain him as a freind and he will always think himself under obligations to be in the Honble. Companys Interest.

I cannot understand [wh . .] by secret management nor kno[. . .]tices I solemnly declare nor of [any en . . .] to conceal acc^ts^. & Papers relating thereto neither had I any reason to be conscious of having taken any ill steps having in all things to the utmost of my ability conformed to my orders & Instructions nor can I find any more than one Instance from whence these suppositions can be derived which is the Malay Letter Book of which Transaction shall give y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. a true & impartiall account thô beg the liberty first to assure you that the assertions concerning the Book being found by search is really false for as soon as could get to my room I look'd in my Escrutore for it & took it out and deliverd it into M^r^. Kingtons hands who carry'd it to M^r^. Cooke yet thô it was deliver'd before any thing was touched it was still made reason for so doing, but to proceed in the s^d^. relation When I left Bentall I was so ill that they did not expect me to live as the Lett^rs^. from Messrs. Ballett & Buffeild will testifye M^r^. Dyamond went on board with me & then returnd on shore to fetch the Papers which were to be carry'd to Marlbrô Fort but when he came back I was so out of order that I solemnly protest I know not what was bro^t^. neither was I capable of taking any care of them, but M^r^. Dyamond and my Servt. put them up among my cloaths, when I was carry'd ashore at Marlbrô Fort I was in so ill a condition that had not my senses & they did not expect I should live twenty four hours wherefore they look'd among my cloaths and took out the Pacquet and what else was there belonging to the Company but as it happen'd after-

wards to be found left this book which was not my fault neither did I know of it in some time afterwards as soon as I was able to get out the first thing I did was to waite on Mr. Cooke who asked me for this book I told him I had it not as really I did not know anything of it then but happening to have recd: a small [bale] of Goods from this Place some time afterwards desired Mr. Lewis Daine to put them in a Chest for me (as not being able myself to do it) but as said Chest was clearing of the cloaths the Malay Lettr. Book was found which I must confess surprized me but I desired Mr. Deane to carry it up for me to Mr. Cooke and to relate the matter but he beg'd to be excused and advised me it was better to keep till I was able to carry it myself wch. was the occasion it was forgot the truth of this may be seen by Mr. Deane's Oath which is not returned among the rest of my papers a little time afterwards Mr. Newcome came to the house where I lived & informed me he was made Pepper Godownkeeper & ordered Mr. Willy who resided there [...] as myself out of the same thô at the same time [I] was very ill & weak & he had his arm broken [&] in this condition to lye in a cold & outward room [for three] or four days my cloaths and all things [being left] in the pepper Shed, for I had no place to [go to &] was not in a condition to provide for my self, ac[...] I made shift to go to Mr. Hubbard who got me a room in the Fort but when my things were carry'd up before I could set my Foot into it I was stop'd & order'd up before the Council when Mr. Cooke asked me again for the Letter Book and I beleive might deny it for I was so disordered by my illness & bad usage that I did not well know what I said or did I was sent down again in the custody of the Ensign who carry'd me to Capt. Irvings room where I lay down and got a little rest when recollecting my memory a little better I would have sent to Mr. Cooke to satisfy him about it but no body was allowed to come near me till Messrs. Kington Palmer & Capt. Graves came and then I was carry'd to my room & [went] directly to my Escrutore and took out the [Book] and deliver'd it as aforesaid desiring [Mr. Kington &ca.] to excuse me to Mr. Cooke rela [...] but it signifyd nothing for Mr. Kington [...] told me they had orders to search all my things & if I would not deliver my keys they would [break] every thing open my things were all searched what they pleased taken away and carry'd as I suppose to Mr. Cooke but Mr. Kington &ca. coming back told me they wanted something more and that they must search my Pockets which I denyed but they did it by force and took thereout sevll: things which provoked me to tell them it was very unjust & illegall & I suppose it was related again for to make me amends the Ensign came back with orders to search my Breeches which he did in a very uncivill manner after this I was carry'd away from my things into another room and confin'd fifty three hours without more light than what could receive from the door for the Windows were nail'd up and no body suffer'd to come near me but the Doctr. & Ensign's boy.

I have been the more particular in the foregoing relation that it might be put in a clear light & that you might Gentlemen be a little informed of my Treatment I hope the said account will satisfy that it was not out of any design of mine the book was not delivered sooner nor can it be beleived that any Person of common reason wd. purposely deny a thing which it was so easy to refute him in by sending to Bentall besides had I any design to strifle those Papers I had time enough to have destroy'd them before was questioned about them.

I think the accusation of pretending sickness is as unchristian as tis groundless for Mr. Strachan I am sure can testify the contrary as to the condition I was in when came to Marlbro and the Letters mentioned before in how desperate a state I was when left Bentall I see no reason at all nor want there was of an excuse for not examineing into the account during the time of continu[al] alarms & disturbances when my Instructions did not require it thô I [...] of informing myself there[of ...] which is not returned among my Papers.

And now since I have gone thrô this article I hope to the clearing myself & satisfaction of your Honr. &ct. Gentlemen I beg the Liberty to assure you it was no other motive induced me to p[ut] myself into Bentall but a real desire to serve the Honble. Compa. and if it was possible to preserve their Estate from destruction for Gentlemen I beg you would please to consider what great advantage could I propose to myself in a place which was intirely shutt up on all sides by an Enemy who

continually waited all opportunitys of destroying us & where we were even deprived of the necessary conveniences of Life the [good] words I gave Sultan Guillamott had it not been [for] orders, reason, & Prudence would have obliged [...] it, not only for the preservation of the Plant [...] and country but even of our Selves for we no [...] by that means kept our own weakness un a[...] gained time for releif but even got Provisions [from] the enemys which we very much wanted & persuaded the Lema Cootas and the best part of the northern Country not to concern themselves, it may be very easily seen the cessation of arms was not agreeable to my inclination nor advice any longer than we were not able to do otherwise as will appear by the following copys of Paragraphs of severall Letters where I beg'd a reinforcement and to have liberty to fight him but as I had not men to assist me but what more could I do I shewed my inclinations to be good for with those few I had challenged him and all his forces to meet me at the head of my People in an open spott to fight it out but had not People to follow him thrô Woods & Swamps & likewise on information that our Boats were endangered by the Cooboo of theirs that they had raised between [Ire] dicikett & us with an intent to cu[t off all commu] nication with Moco Moco I m[...] all the [...] I could make which was but ten Men & ten [Buggeese] and beat them out with the Loss of five of their Men who they left dead behind them thô they [were] as we heard after better than one hundred & fifty by which I think may reasonably be supposed I should have acted otherwise had I been able but as I had no Force openly to oppose them I hope it is excusable to do the best I could in my own defence.

PARAGRAPH OF A LETT^R. TO M^R. RICH^D. FARMER DEP^TY. GOV^R.

These are the real circumstances of Affairs at this time which I have laid before your Worship for your consideration in their true Colours by which you see the necessity we labour under for want of a Number of Buggeezes to keep the enemy at a greater distance from us and undergo the fatigues of scowring them about which would destroy all our white Men was we to put them upon it & lett Sultan Guillamott be never so sincere I shall hardly trust to it.

SEVENTH PARAGRAPH OF THE SAME LETT^R. DATED FEB. 1ST. 1717.

Moco Moco is almost as much streightn'd as this Place & I am under continually apprehensions for them thô we have made a Shift hitherto to keep up our Communications by means of a Cooboo which some of our Malays have made at Iredickett river. Ensign Higby is very ill so that there's no commission Officer fit to act at that Place & but one here therefore beleive twill be very proper to send an Ensign down hither with a few Men to company the Buggeeze for without some assistance of that kind or the ships continuing here that we may have their People upon duty on shore twill be impossible to maintain the settlement against that cunning old villain Mansore who works all by Stratagem & by hindering us of Provisions to starve us out disturbing us with continual alarms or attempts of burning the Factory which I fear more than all the rest.

P S OF THE SAME [LETT^R].

I beg your Worship [w]ould dispatch this Boat back again with all speed possible and defer sending your answer over land till such times as you are able to send a Party speedily after it that we may receive that by the Boat first [&] thereby be in a readiness for I am certainly informed Guillamott has taken an oath to Mansore & is so united with him that he only trifles with us & endeavours to make all advantages by the beechar therefore whenever we begin with him must do it to the purpose.

SECOND PARAGRAPH OF A LETTER TO M^R. ELLILL DATED FEBRY THE 13TH. 1719.

I beg you to be earnest with his [. . .] to send a good number of Buggeezes with some [white] men & somebody that is fit to command them [this] being of absolute necessity whether we beech [ar . . .] whether we fight and when the

danger is [over &] its thought proper they may be returned; in their march hither they may have an opportunity of recovering Ippue & mantaining it for y^{e}. Company till they send me advice by a Sampan by which means shall be able to agree upon a certain time in falling on the enemy on both sides they from Ippue & our Forces from Bentall otherwise they will find it very difficult to get at us to joyn us.

PART OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH TO M^{R}. KINGTON DATED THE 13TH. FEBRUARY 1717.

I need not inlarge on these things but must desire you to be very pressing with the Gov^{R}. to send a good supply of men especially Buggeezes they being of absolute necessity for safety [to] the place & if it is a moment negl[ected I don't] know where it may end.

[. .] PARAGRAPH OF A LETTER TO M^{R}. R^{D}. FARMER [DATED] MARCH Y^{E}. 7TH. 1717.

I have been privately informed that Sultan Guillamott designs upon the breach with us to destroy as many of the Pepper Trees as he can to prevent which I have threatned to cutt down the Coconutt & Beetlenutt Trees which will be of as bad consequence to them as the other to the Company for the People cant live without either of the said things I know not what other means to take with him without we make war which I beleive will be the shortest way whereas our giving him time under the notion of making peace weakneth our own People & strengthen him for I am pretty well assured the first foil we give to him & Mansore will bring most of the country over to us.

I shall waite your Worship's orders before I come to down-right blows which hope shall suddenly receive.

TO M^{R}. ELLILL MARCH THE 7TH. 1719.

My reasons for desiring the People might come overland was that they might secure Ippue (being at that time jealous of Guillamot's sincerity thô not so throughly confirmed in it as at present) which would have opened a communication from your Place overland and done very well according to the enemy's management for as I am informed they have left the Place & have carry'd the smallest Guns to Semundum a Duran about a mile & a half up the river & thereby the Quallo remains.

THE THIRD ARTICLE is of such a Nature that I cant well say any thing to it in the present circumstances I am in for fear the means I should be obliged to make use off may be taken as designed Offence wherefore shall touch thereon as tenderly as the nature of the thing will allow & leave the more material points to a better opportunity when I see a proof made of the said A[greement] but must humbly beg the Liberty & I hope wi[ll not] Offe[nd . . .] think nothing is more b[arbar] ous than to murther the reputation of any one by bare assertions (which I take to be no Proof in Law) especially [of] People who are not capable to prove what they have attested for it is a very unlikely thing I should consult the soldiers under me on such a matter or that they should know what was done in my appartment & whether the warrant was signed before or afterw^{ds}. all Capt^{t}. Graves's Officers that were on shore being in that quality & much question if it came to the Scrutiny whether he ever had three of his Officers ashore at one time as to what is alledged of the forceing Sultan Guillamott to condemn them afterwards its what I never thought of & will at a proper time prove the contrary from their own Mouths if they know any thing of the matter & beg pardon if I really be [. . .] at that time they thought I could hardly escape [the . . .] danger I was in & therefore said any thing [. . .] for its a direct contradiction to the matter of Fact.

I take the occasion of murder to proceed from two causes which are either revenge or a prospect of gain for certainly no man would destroy another purely for the pleasure of the sight and I would beg to know which of these could affect me what reason of revenge could I have against a couple of sorry Malay Fellows that I had

never seen before or what prospect of advantage could there be in it they were accused to me by their Sultan & the Dattues of Rebellion & one for being accessary to the burning of the Hon[ble]. Company's Settlement at Tryamong and destroying the People as well as endeavouring to assassinate him the other for going about the Country and stealing the children thereby to bring their Freinds to Guillamott to strengthen his Party all which crimes by the Laws of their Country are death and why should my resent[ment lye heavi]ly on them more than the rest [for there [. . . .] had they not been accused by their princ[e . . .] aforesaid crimes who demanded Justice & I solemnly declare Sultan Cutcheel and the Dattues solicited me a long time before I gave way to it nor had not at last as having designed to exchange them for our Coffrys had not I been informed what usage one of our Men met with who had the misfortune to fall into their hands being tyed up to a Tree to heave their Launces at and then cut to pes joint by joint.

I observe a great stress laid on the words Prisoners of War & cold blood & I should be glad to be instructed in what manner an execution is to be performed if not in cold blood and for their being Prisoners of War I humbly presume that does not exempt them from the penalty of the Law when they are Rebells & Traytors to their King and Country besides I presume my Commission (for the return of which I humbly make bold to return my acknowledgm[t]. to the Hon[ble]. Presid[t].) impowers me to use what reprisalls I found necessary when at war with an Enemy that have neither Hon[r]. nor reason to govern them and very rarely give any Quarters at all I am sure We have various Instances in history of the like nature wherein their being Prisoners of war could not protect them when an Example was necessary to deter the Enemy from Severity or ill usage which was actually our case but I most wonder at the Strenuousness of this Article by the hard terms its put in when I cant see what damage can arise from it to any body besides it was not the only execution was ever done [on] the West Coast for I remember severall but whether they were our Prisoners of war or what I shall not concert myself as being foreign from the present matter but shall humbly submit it to your Justice & your Hon[r]. &c[a]. Gentlemen favourable censure.

The fourth Article being cheifly relating to bond with M[r]. Farmer I dont see there is any great occasion of saying much about them referring myself to the strict tenour thereof but think myself obliged to assure you [. .] of fear occasioned th[e . . .] usage or unjust treatment rec[d]. by Mess[rs]. Shylling and Garret that I know of nor can I see w[ch]. way it is in opposition to the Government of Fort S[t]. George when the whole condition of the bond comes to no more than M[r]. Farmer's writing to [his] Friends in the Company on my behalf & my using my endeavours to go home with him to justify said proceedings I think its a plain indication I had done nothing that I was afraid to give an account of and as to the hardship which is said they suffer'd in sending them to England with the papers relating to their Affairs I beg the Liberty to assure you Gentlemen I think it so far from oppression that I humbly beg the same advantage & that I may either be sent or have my Liberty to go to England with all necessary papers on the first ship to answer all misdemeanors laid to my charge to the Hon[ble]. Compa[ny] that both Partys may have the advantage of the lawfull plea and the injured of course redressed. [As] to the laying aside the Gen[ll]. Books I know nothing of it my business lying another way being Pepper Godownkeep[r]. but to the best of my remembrance on the Accomptants representation in Council that the Books were so much disordered that they could not be ballanced there was an order made for taking remains & beginning a new sett.

Copy of the condition of the bond from Jam[s]: Morris to Richard Farmer dated the 15th. Janry. 1717/8.

Whereas by agreement made between the Partys abovementioned in case any alteration should be made in the Government of this Place by orders from Fort S[t]. George whereby the Worsp[ll]: Richard Farmer Esq[r]. may be obliged to quit his

Government & proceed for Europe or elsewhere in order to get there its covenanted & agreed that the said James Morris shall indirectly on knowledge thereof lay down ye. Compys. Service and use the best of his endeavours to [. . .] the said Worspl. Richd. Farmer Esqr to England [. . .] here to joyn with him in giving the Honble. Company an account of the Occurrences of this place notwithstanding this agreement is in no respect to take place to the hinderance of the abovementioned James Morris in any design may have of going home before any such alteration may happen.

In answer to the fifth & last article I must say as did before that I know of no unjust persecution of Messrs: Shyllinge & Garret and therefore could not joyn in any and as to being answerable to the Honble. Compa. and the aforesaid Gentlemen I am very ready to give an accot. of my Actions to the former and to justify whatever I have been concerned in against the latter as knowing it to be agreable to Justice & the Honble. Compas. orders, therefore for the more speedy attaining the same I make bold to repeat my request & beg in behalf of a subject of Great Brittain that I may have Liberty of going to England to justify myself according to the Laws of the same having been already above a twelve month under the present troubles three times seized, searched & imprisoned in which condition I at ℘sent remain in [a] room not eleven foot square without the necessary comforts of air or Exercise by which not only labour of the loss of the use of my Limbs but likewise of my life by being so closely & long confined in this hot country wherefore beg your compassion Justice & consideration to determine this affair some way & remain

Fort St. George — Honble. Sr. &ct.

23d. July 1719. — Your most Humble: Servant

James M[orris].

No. 80

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George
& St. David &ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Lately dyed Ensign Cogran and Van Ittern of which Mr. Hastings advised the Honble. Govr. We recommend one Edward Key a very sober man good soldier and well acquainted with the Countrys about us for an Ensign's Commission in the Cuddalore Company & expect another Ensign for the Fort with the Party by the Marlborough.

Mr. Matthew Weld third of our Council dyed yesterday towards evening of a lingering distemper but was abroad in his Palanqueen the day before and complain'd of nothing but a pain in his stomach & Loynes retaining his senses sound to the very moment of expiration he made a Verball will appointing ye. Deptr. Govr. his Executor & Heir to what remains after his Debts are paid of which a computation will be made as soon as possible.

Mr. John Berlu is order'd to take care of the Warehouse employ till we receive your further orders we should have advised by the King William that we have recd. of Capt. Winter one hundred parrah of the Company's Sea Coals.

Fort St. David
14th. Augst. 1719.

We most respectfully Subscribe
Honble Sr. &ct.

Your most obedt. humble. Servts.

Fra: Hastings.
Jno. Berlu.
Robt. Berriman.
Thos. Wright.
Simo. Holcombe.
Robt. Brooke.

No. 81

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^t^: & Govr. &c^t^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

Your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}: Generall Letter of the 25 June I rec^{d}. the 8th. ult^{o}. with the Inclosed bill of exchange for Pag^{s}. one hundred for which I had made my acknowledgements before could the Peons have carry'd my Lett^{r}. by the great Showers of rain that have fallen and the river Kisna being overflow'd caused so great an Inundation over the Country that we have been for these many days past besett with y^{e}. waters even to the Long bridge that there was no going two miles out of Town.

The unnecessary Utensills belonging to your Factory are so few & so old & rotten that no body car'd to bid for them wherefore I design as soon as the weather is a little more clear'd up and the waters fallen to go [to] Madapollam and fetch away the things that lye there so make an Outcry of them altogether & will send your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. the Acc^{t}. by next conveyance.

According to your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. orders I went and discoursed Coja Gee upon the Affair of Dieu Island & informed him the whole of what your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. [were] pleased to instruct me to do in case I found him no[t] relenting to a complyance what he insisted upon [the] first day he persists in now that is to let him know what Sum̃ we are willing to give without which he told me he would not meddle with the busyness nor could he beleive we had any real design in the expedition but that we should baffle him as we did before to which I answer'd him I had no power nor orders to propose or agree upon any sum̃ but only to desire his assistance and [Treaty] with the Nabob for our having a peaceable [Settlement of the Dieu] Island and to let me know how much [would be] a sufficient gratification [to the] Nabob himself, and others impower'd for [. . .] to us and that then I [. . .] with & to follow such orders [as your Hon^{rs}.] &c^{t}. shall judge necessary to enjoyn [them] with [I w]as very he told me I might write to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. that he then told me & that I might come again to [him] when there came Lett^{rs}. from Madrass & let him know your Hon^{r}. &c^{ts}. answer.

In pursuance to your Hon^{r}. &^{as}. orders I have repair'd two rooms and the Hall for the new coating the Walls with Chinam and white washing them and for mending the rattan'd Doors & windows I agreed with the Bricklayer Carpenter & Rattan Fellow for Pag^{s}. fifteen & a half which is cheaper then was I have paid them daily their Cooley and found the materialls there being but a few of these Workmen here and therefore they ask at an excessive rate for their daily pay.

Inclosed is my two months accounts for June & July by which your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will find I am out of Cash wherefore I humbly beg you'l be pleased to supply me with some more money these with my humble respects I conclude

Metchlepatam — Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

Augst. y^{e}. 4th. 1719.

Yo^{r}. most obedient and most
obliged hum^{ble}: Servant
Hump^{ry}. Holcombe.

Being taken ill yesterday I am forc'd to make use of another's Pen wch. beg Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will be pleased to excuse.

Idem
H. H

No. 82

To the Honble : Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Governour of Fort
St. George &ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

We take the opportunity in [. . .] a Bengall Pacquet to acknowledge the receipt of Your Honr. &cas. Letter dated the 21st. Ulto. that came to hand the 25th. at night.

Capt. Bringhurst has had the misfortune of being forced to Leeward of this Port as far as Bimlepatam occasioned by a strong southwest wind wch. indeed blew very fresh the most part of last month we waited two or three days before we came to any resolution concerning the putting ashore what Stores he had for this place in hopes that he might get an opportunity of coming up but we found it impracticable wherefore we order'd the Honble. Company's Sloop Dartmouth that arrived here the 26th. down to ye. Darby in order to take in the Powder & arms & what other things she can Capt. Middleton having spared us his chief Mate and a sett of Lascars for ye. Sloop the rest of the stores we have ordered at Bimlepatam the Dutch Cheif there having promised to lodge them in the Factory till we shall have an opportunity of getting them hither by sea.

We have recd. your Acct. Currt. with this place and shall take that due credit be given for the severall sums mentioned therein.

Doctor John Strachan that came on the Young Derby shall be sure to have allowance Your Honr. &ct. have ordered him.

We shall according to Your Honr. &cas. orders after the Darby has deliverd her stores dispatch her for the Bay this being the needfull we most respectfully subscribe

Fort St. George, (*sic*)
[Vizagapatam]
Augst. ye. 2d. 1719.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Yor. most obliged &
Obedt. humble servants
[Cornls. Moll].
Jno. Blunt.

P.S.
Mr. Clare at Balasore advises us that the Prince Frederick arrived there the 6th. of July.

No. 83

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. Geor.
&ct. Council.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

Herewith we send Duplicate of our Letter dated the 6th. May ℘ Cossid since which came to hand your Letter of the 29th. May ℘ Ship whereby observe you design the Queen and Desbouverie in July or August and another in October for which we shall send you one thousand bags of Petre on freight upon your Ship London which we shall dispatch hence as soon in August as our Pylots will venture to carry her out of the River.

Ship Harriot is returned back hither with her cargo after having beat three months at sea. Grain is so dear at present with us that the poor People begin to sell their Children and unless our August crop prove very good beleive it will be so scarce that you must not expect any great supply from hence.

The Revolutions still continue in ys. Empire another King Naickseer being seated on the throne of Agra supported by the Rashpoots & Tartars against

Raphedurjeat at Dilly; We have advice of the latter dying of the small pox and that some days before his decease he sent for his eldest Brother Raphedoula from Prison & resigned the Throne to him.

We have divers reports concerning the two Competitors Forces but as yet hear of no engagem^{t}. between them. Hussenally Cawn was marchd from Dilly with the grand Army towards Agra & by a Letter rec^{d}. from Patna dated the 20th. June they advise of Abdulla Cawn the Grand Vizier's dying of a stoppage of his Urin if this be true it must needs shock his Brother Hussen Ally Cawn and occasion great delay in the resettling the quiet of the Empire which will be extreemly detrimentall to all our trade in generall for every Rajah [. . .] is now in arms robbing & plundering [all those they] overcome.

The Interloper is not yet arrived at this Place We have in consort with the Dutch forbid any of our Pylots bringing them in or giving them the least assistance directly or indirectly our Merch^{ts}. and all people under our protection are equally warned of having anything to do with them and we doubt not (should they come) to prevent the success of their designs in such degree as will hardly encourage them or any others to attempt the same Voyage again. We are

Fort William
the 4th. July 1719.

Your very hum^{ble}. Servants
Sam^{ll}. Feake.
Jam^{s}. Williamson.
William Spencer.
Waterwth. Collet.
John Eyre.

No. 84

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^{t}. & Govr. of Fort S^{t}. Geo^{r}.
&c^{t}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

The occasion of this so sudden dispatch is to advise Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. with the melancholly news of M^{r}. Cornelius Moll's decease which happen'd yesterday afternoon after about five weeks illness of the Flux he has left a will wherein he appointed Ensign Martin Graven & myself his Executors.

Ship Young Derby sail'd from Bimlepatam for Bengall yesterday & this day arriv'd Sloop Dartm^{o}. laden with stores from her but very leaky She shall be bro^{t}. into the river to morrow & when refitted dispatch'd again for the remainder. This being the needfull at ꝑsent I shall add no further than to assure Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. that it shall be my cheif care to preserve everything in the same tranquility till the Chiefs arrivall as they have been since his departure [. . .] prove myself with the greatest respect

Vizagapatam
11th Augst. 1719.

Hon. S^{r}. &c^{t}.
Your most [faithfull]
Obliged & Obed^{t}. Servant
John Blunt.

P.S.
Since writing the above advice is come from Chickacull y^{t}. the Nabob had stopp'd 126 Corge of cloth till such time as he recieves his full present wch. he says he has rec^{d}. from y^{e}. Dutch.

No. 85

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^{t}. & Govr. of Forts S^{t}. George
and S^{t}. David &c^{t}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

By the Marlbrô that arrived here the 3^{d}. Ins^{t}. we rec^{d}. your favour of the 17th. Ultimo with a chest of Treasure containing thirty thousand Pagodas, Stationary Ware and Stores as ℘ Invoice & bill of Loading.

The Marlbro will be ready to take in our Bales in two days time, M^{r}. Sanderson who came up on her has taken his Place at our board & Ensigns Brewster and Key have rec^{d}. the Honble. Governours commission.

By the Tappys we rec^{d}. copy of the aforementioned Letter and our Acc^{t}. Curr^{t}. with your Presidency and we now send yours with this Settlement and our accomptants report about the differences in sev^{ll}. sums between us to which when we receive Y^{r}. answer We shall close our Generall Books and that work done M^{r}. Robert Berriman humbly desires your leave to visit a sister that came from England to your Place Inclosed is our Account Cash for last Month.

Our Doct^{r}. dyed this day before noon after a long weakness in his eyes & Legs & for fifteen days that he was confined in his Chamber he had not his right Senses so that he made no will but has left about one hundred Pagodas in mony besides his Apparell & some few necessarys which we shall sell at Outcry and bring the whole amount into the Company's Cash. We most respectfully subscribe

Fort S^{t}. David — Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

Sepr. y^{e}. 8th. 1719.

Yo^{r}. most obed^{t}. hum^{ble}.
Serv^{ts}.

Fra^{s}. Hastings.
John Berlu.
Robt. Berriman.
Thomas Wright.
Simon Holcombe.
Robert Brooke.
John Sanderson.

No. 86

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^{t}. & Govr. of Fort S^{t}. George
&c^{t}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

Our last to you bore date the 4th. July ℘ Cossid Duplicate thereof comes herewith.

We have now before us your Letter of the 21st. July ℘ Ship Young Derby which imported y^{s}. place the 20th. Ins^{t}. having in her way touched at Vizagapatam and deliver'd her Stores She had for that Settlement.

We observe the Account you give us of what Ships were arrived with you the Master of y^{e}. Derby acquaints us the Godfry arrived in your road before he left it as we hope the Vansittart may be before this ship Prince Frederick arrived in Ballasore the 5th. July & the 16th. came to an Anchor before our Fort the Dawsonne and Cadogan arrived in Ballasore in Company 19th. July and came to Anchor at Rogues river the 1st. August.

The Queen we suppose to be gone for Great Brittain and by the Metchlepatam which we dayly expect hope we shall hear how you design to dispose of all the rest of our Honble. Masters Ships or what you design hither till when cannot fully determine

what measures to resolve on but as the Honble. Company have order'd a much larger Investment at this Place than has ever been known & we being in a good forwardness with it we hope with a good assistance at your Port we may dispatch them all home to England this year.

It is with a great deal of concern we read the melancholly account of your Settlement at Bencoolen being cut off we before had heard of it from the Dutch whose Ships bro^{t}. the acc^{t}. from Batavia & the 15th. Ins^{t}. we rec^{d}. from the Dutch Directore the enclosed Pacquet for Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. with a Lett^{r}. directed to the cheif of any English Settlement which we opening found to be from M^{r}. William Ballet Cheif at Moco Moco dated 4th. June (sent by a Dutch Ship from the West Coast [of Sumatra]) wherein they give an account of Fort [Marbrô] burnt and that the whole Settlement abandoned [...] so that hearing no more what was become of them they [. . .].

The Account [. . .] at Court is the same we have [. . .] that the Young King with the Sieds set [. . .] & afterwards killed some report died of the small Pox his name was Raphiel Durjeaut upon his exitt they immediately set his Brother on the Throne by name Raphiel Doula [but] since his accession to his Throne he has Assumed the [name] of Shawjehaun we have diverse reports in relation [to] him and the King set up at Agra (by the Rashpoots & [bu]sbeegs) whose name here is called Naickseer but as we do not hear of any decision being made we have had flying Storys of a battle fought & Hussenally Cawn being killed but no confirmation and our Nabob continues to coin Rupees in Shaujehaun's name so that we think there can be no truth in that report.

We are concerned to find the Scarcity of Grain continues on your Side it has been very dear here but the new crop will we hope make it cheaper.

On this Ship London which is bound to your Port with Grain we have according, to y^{r}. desire laden for Acc^{t}. the Honble. United Company one thousand bags of Salt Petre containing two thousand Maunds amot^{s}. as ℘ bill of Lading & Invoice inclosed to Rupees thirteen thousand which we wish a safe & speedy arrivall wth. you we would have willingly have had the Ship sailed some days sooner but the fresh runs so strong down y^{t}. river our Pylots would not venture to take charge of her till these nips.

In the Postscript of Your Hon^{r}. &c^{ts}. Lett^{r}. you advise of having sent us a Pacquett rec^{d}. by the King William and another by the Townshend by Ship Francis the former came safe to hand but the latter could not possibly be sent by the Francis because she saild from Your Port the 11th. July & the Townshend did not with you before the 13th. as appears in your own Letter. We are

Fort William
y^{e}. 24th. Augst. 1719.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.
Yo^{r}. very humble Servants
Sam^{ll}: Feake.
Jam^{s}. Williamson.
Will: Spencer.
Waterwth. Collet.
John Eyre.

No. 87

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presid^{t}. and Govr. of Fort S^{t}.
George &c^{t}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{t}.

Tis with the greatest concern and pressing exigency that has obliged us at this time to seek all possible measures to convey advices to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. rendering the deplorable State of the Honble. Company's Affairs on the West Coast occasioned by a sad accident which happen'd at Fort Marlbrô: The Dep^{ty}. Govr. his Council and all the Europeans being gone from thence as we are informed by the Malays but more particularly by the Sultan who was present and saw every thing transacted and y^{e}. Persons aforesaid embark wherefore we cannot better inform you than to recommend to your perusall the Inclosed Dyary and Consultation not having had any Letters from

thence since the 23^{d}. Feb: which gave directions for our removal hither since then we wrote sev^{ll}. Letters desiring supplys for support but rec^{d}. no answer neither can we learn whither they went. It is about two months since their departure and no Vessell as yet come to our assistance Guillamott has taken this opportunity to make incursions and his People in possession of two or three Frontier Towns. We doubt they will be implacable enemys to us not daring to hazard the Lives of our Europeans by harrassing them in the country besides not above one hundred & fifty Pounds of powder left. The Sultan is doing his utmost to oppose with the assistance of our Buggeeze but fear Recruits will come from Bencoolen and joyn Guillamots Interest and by that means deprive us of Provisions tho: at ℗sent we hear those People are at war among themselves and we are securing what grain &c^{a}. necessary for our Subsistance having purchased about five thousand Bamboos and some stores.

Upon our arrivall in March last not a penny on hand one Chest of Treasure was sent to us when at Bentall but that serv'd [. . .]ge Arrears since then we have drew bills [of . .] Ryalls 8/8 two thousand which were honour'd [. . .] but a small contribution towards the great charges our Honble Masters are at [. . .] Settlements we strive as much as [. . .] credit and Interest and we resolved [. . .] by them with our Lives and Fortunes and not stir [from] our respective Quarters whilst our Money and Ammunition lasts and Provisions can be procurable We was in hopes [n]ever to have been drove to this necessity again but since [it] so happens Patience shall be our guide till aid comes or Your Hon^{r}. &c^{ts}. directions how to proceed surely the Dep^{ty}. Govr. &c^{t}. if living will contrive some means for our Succour being in want of almost everything no Wares left and y^{e}. Place above seven thousand Dollers in debt for which sum we have given our bonds to Sev^{ll}. Gentlemen who readily tender'd Cash for the publick good to discharge y^{e}. Buggeeze to retrench charges presume would be a wrong Step least they should joyn our Enemys but we must be obliged to do in part at the end of this Month if no relief comes as we hope there will from some part or other and dissipate our Fears that our Honble. Masters concerns here may be extricated out of the dreadfull dangers threatning for this twelve months past all things went on successfull and the Pepper trade flourishing This year's crop is now ripe & tis pity no Ship comes with mony and wares to purchase & transport it to your Port the Quantity we judge is about one hundred & fifty or two hundred Baharrs which of consequence will be destroy'd if Guillamott penetrates too far into the Kingdom but we promise our utmost endeavours to quell him now his Forces are but few & their projections just on foot God knows whether ever this may reach Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. hands being unacquainted with our Allies the Dutch at Padong but twas the best expedition we could purpose to desire them to forward it not having any Vessell & but one Tombongon here, of the latter the Sultan promises more shortly.

On the 29th. Ult^{o}. dy'd M^{r}. William Poridger second of Council most of our civil & Military are afflicted with Fevers and Agues as usual at this time of y^{e}. year; We heartily wish Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. health hoping for your favourable constructions and approbations of this our express praying to be accepted with our most hum^{ble}. duty and are

Your Hon^{r}. &c^{ts}.
most obed^{t}. Serv^{ts}.

Moco Moco
[June Ye] 4th. 1719.

William Ballet.
Robert Dymond.

No. 88.

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
President and Governour of
Fort S^{t}. George &c^{t}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Our last was the 11th. Ins^{t}. advising the death of M^{r}. Moll and the state of Affairs at that Juncture since which things have continued in the same posture till the 23^{d}. when the Cheif arrived upon the Metchlepatam with Your Hon^{r}. &c^{ts}. Letter of the 12th.

and brought us the Treasure which so soon as we had got safe landed upon y^e^. 25th. in the morning the Ship proceeded upon her Voyage to Bengall.

We before advised that our Nabob had stopp'd one hundred & 26 Corge of the Companys Cloth at Chickacull & refused to let it go untill he had rec^d^. a present but upon the Chiefs writing him and giving him some hopes that he should be gratify'd in that particular he has condescended to let it come away but we may depend he will serve us in the same manner by the next ℘'cel that comes from the Northward should we fail (as tis our design) to answer his greedy expectations nor shall wee ever be free from this sort of treatment unless we take some opportunity to let him see that sooner than submit to such never before practis'd abuses we will find out some means to do ourselves Justice.

In order to bring the Weavers in the Country to make the cloth of the breadths as directed by y^s^. years shipping we have been obliged to break all our former Contracts for the providing of Goods with y^e^. Country People nor do we intend to take in any but what was made and paid for before we rec^d^. that order notwithstanding which we wish we may not find it a Task too hard for us to overcome and that by this means the whole Trade does not fall into the hands of our Dutch Neighbours at Bimlepatam who for their Longcloth & Salampores that are narrower than ours and but little better in quality give thirty six Pagodas ℘ Corge[to]y^e^. former & fifteen one third for the latter, but we [. . . our] best endeavours and rejoyce if we can [. . . .] Hon^r^. &c^as^. orders though attended with never so [many] difficultys.

The Derby [. . . .]leeward of this Port is the reason of the George [briganti]ne's being so backward being obliged to fetch the [. . . tr]ing Pla[nk] overland from Bimlepatam nevertheless [Wee]hope to get her in the water in this night & over the [Ba]rr this new moon We shall have upwards of two hundred Bales to put on board her which will be as much [as]she can well take in.

The long illness and Death of M^r^. Moll makes us something behind hand with our generall Books but we are busily employ'd in copying them & they shall be sent by the next conveyance.

Messrs. Blunt & Martin Graven being nominated Executors by M^r^. Moll to his last will and Testament but refusing to take upon them the administration we shall be obliged to sell his effects & bring the produce into the Honble. Companys Cash.

Our Buildings here go on but slowly for want of Chinam, our Washermen who made it for us being most of them dead or gone away so that we fear we shall not get the Eastern Curtain coverd till the rains are over however to encourage those who are left we have in consideration of the hard times and the present rainy Season agreed to allow them something more than the former price.

Sloop Dartm^o^: has been serviceable to us in bringing the Stores from Bimlepatam but She is so very worm eaten and leaky that we dare not trust her abroad any more till She is Sheathed to do which we shall make use of country Plank to save charges.

The state of our Revenue and the condition of our out Towns is something deplorable but as the whole Country is in as bad or worse condition we have only suffer'd one common Fate with our Neighbours and must with them pray and hope for a plentifull year as the first Step towards bringing things to their former posture.

Among the broad Cloth Aurora sent down by Ship Page two Bales upon opening are found Damaged and rotten it seems to be occasion'd by Mildew since the Package and the Wrappers plainly shew it does not proceed from any external accident.

We send our Cash account to y^e^. Ult^o^. July [our D]yarys & Consultations to the Ult^o^. June our Paymaster Acc^ts^. shall come with our Gen^ll^; Books That being what at present material we subscribe

VIZAGAPATAM HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

AUGUST 31ST. 1719. Yo^r^. most obed^t^. humb^le^. Serv^ts^.

ROB^T^. SYMONDS.
JN^O^: BLUNT.

No. 89

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{R}. &C^{T}.

Your favour of the 10th. July came to our hands the 10th. Ins^{t}. which bro^{t}. us the pleasing news of y^{e}. arrivall of our R^{t}. Honble. Masters Shipping on your side.

We are sorry your endeavours to hinder the Ostender has not proved effectuall.

We return Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. many thanks for your offers to supply us with Topazes if they will accept of our pay which is twenty five Fanams Gallion or fifty Madrass we desire you'll please to send us thirty of the best by the first conveyance.

The melanchollу news of the loss our Honble. Masters has sustain'd on the West Coast is of great concern to us which will occasion us to exert our selves in procuring the more pepper that trade being now wholly lost, excepting what's on y^{s}. Coast.

We are sorry to hear the Famine continues with you, we participate of the same misfortunes here there being hardly any grain to be had. We are

ANJENGO
26TH. AUGST. 1719.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your obedient
humble. Servants
WILL^{M}. GYFFORD.
SIMON COWSE.
[CAESAR BURTON].
[. . .].

No. 90

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{E}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
& S^{T}. DAVID &C^{T}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

This comes by Ship Marlbrô wth. four hundred and ninety five Bales amot^{s}. to Pag^{s}. 26294 : 11 : 53 as ₱ Invoice and bill of Loading Inclosed we should have returned her two days sooner but the rains & the Ship with the Emperours Colours commanded by M^{r}. Merville prevented and our Boats were at the Barr to Imbark soldiers and the Gunroom Crew for the Marlbro's assistance in case she should be attack'd by the Interloper for which we had Grounds of suspicion by her anchoring so near when She might have proceeded to y^{e}. Southward.

We are favour'd with yours of the 12th. and 18th. Inst^{t}. the 1st. Inclosing your remarks on our Cloth sent upon the King William.

Our orders are strict for no more than half of the Conjee and the Sorters promise to take greater care about the thinness and uneveness in the Cloth and to the first article by comparing with the muster they presume the fineness of the Thread made amends for the thinness of the Cloth.

The Marlbro's Men are in a fair way of perfect recovery & if they dont relapse the Comm^{r}. doubts not of being ready for your dispatches according to the time proposed and we must do this Justice to Captain Micklesfeild that he is a most diligent carefull and laborious Man in his business.

In a few days we shall execute your orders about the Companys right of settlement at Cunimere and we shall get copied as soon as possible our Gen^ll^. Books end^s^. Aprill 1717. We most respectfully subscribe

FORT S^T^. DAVID
21 SEP^R^. 1719.

[. . .]	Bales
[. . .]	300
[. . .]	[. .]00
[. .]	[. .]00

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.
Yo^r^. most obed. hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
FRA^S^. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
&C^T^. COUNCILL.

No. 91

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORIS S^T^. GEORGE
AND S^T^. DAVID &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

In answer to your favour of the 2^d^. Ult^o^. we shall have a due regard to what you mention about thick and substantiall cloth; Inclosed is a List of four hundred & eighty men judged by our Lieutenants absolutely necessary to defend these Bounds and the Guards belonging to our Garrison signed by all our Commission Officers & we shall have done disbanding n[ext] month fifty eight men over and above the before-mentioned number of four hundred & eighty; We send also a List of our present Gun room crew & Muckquas to the number of one hundred & ten Men which are as few as possible required for the constant work to be done in these Bounds. Furthermore we make bold to trouble you with a List of our disabled Men y^r^. conditions & allowances wch. afford but a bare maintenance at y^s^. time of Scarcity.

Inclosed are the Merch^ts^. acc^ts^. with our Acc^t^. Cash for last month & We most respectfully subscribe

FORT S^T^. DAVID
5TH. OCTOBER 1719.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Y^OR^. most obedient Hum^ble^.
Servants
FRA^S^. HASTINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
THO. WRIGHT.
SIM^N^. HOLCOMBE.
ROB^T^. [BROOKE].
JN^O^. SANDERSON.

LIST OF BALES VIZ^T^.

In the Warehouse...	100
At y^e^. Dyers ...	60
At y^e^. Washers ...	331
In y^e^. Merch^ts^. Godowns ...	100
Bales ...	591

No. 92

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE
&C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C.

The 31st. Ultimo we dispatched a Patamar to advise of the arrivall of M^r^. Symonds upon the Metchlepatam with the Honble. Companys Treasure.

By this conveyance we send our Gen^{ll}. Books which were something backward occasion'd by M^{r}. Moll's long Indisposition which renderd him unable to keep them up as they ought to be. We likewise send our Paymaster's Acc^{ts}. to the Ult^{o}. June.

We are sorry that we must acquaint Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of the George Brigantine's being still in our River, hitherto there has not been water enough upon the Barr for her to go over thô she has laid ready near a month to take hold of the first opportunity that offers and it now grows so late that it will be very dangerous to venture her out next month with a cargo of Bales should the Barr by y^{t}. time be opened. The Master some time since informed us that he suspected her Mainmast to be faulty upon which we order'd it to be survey'd by our head Carpenter and found it rotten two thirds through about seven foot above the Partners where the weather had got in and decay'd it quite down to the heel so far that it was judg'd no longer fit for service. We should have been utterly at a loss to supply her here had not the Chief spar'd a Mast out of one of his Vessells bound to Bengall.

We have now ready two hundred & fifty Bales of Cloth and could easily procure four hundred & fifty more between this and Jañry were we allowed to take it in as formerly but being so strictly tied up by our late orders in regard to the lengths and breadths it will be well if we get half that quantity.

Our Nabob is very uneasy for want of his Present and threatens to stop all our business un[less] we comply to give it him which we shall not do unless we find it absolutely necessary to avoid a great [. . .] to advise you [. . .] needfull and are

VIZAGAPATAM — HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

SEPTEMB^{R}. Y^{E}. 25TH. 1719.

Your most obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

ROB^{T}. SYMONDS.
JN^{O}. BLUNT.

No. 93

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

The foregoing is copy of our Letter overland and this comes to enclose Invoice and bill of Lading for one hundred and sixty three Bales of Callicoes laden upon the George Brigantine amot^{s}. to Pag^{s}. eight thousand two hundred fifty nine two fanams and seven Cash. The Master assures us he has not room to stow any more in the Hold which we were desirous might be done by reason we have one hundred Bales more to have put on board could he have taken them in; Notwithstanding it is something late in y^{e}. year we could not think it reasonable to let slip so fair an opportunity of getting the Brigantine over the Barr and we hope by the quick dispatch in Lading her She may be time enough at Fort S^{t}. George to go down to the Bay or where else Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. please to order her.

The Honble. Govr. & Council at Fort William advise us in a Gen^{ll}. Letter rec^{d}. ℘ Ship Page that th[ey] design to keep the Young Derby with them till [...] by reason of some repairs necessary to be done.

We have certain advices that Maubereize Cawn is coming into these Parts and that [he] is already so far advanced as Bezowarr. Our Nabob is coming this way to meet him whom we may expect here in seven or eight days to dunn us in Person for a Present as he daily does by Letter, as he is a great favourite and one who has much [of] his Masters ear it will not be adviseable to [...] with him provided he can be satisfy'd [upon reaso]nable terms to manage which as it [sh . . .] we shall [exertour] best endeavours. [We are].

VIZAGAPATAM — HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

OCTOBER Y^{E}. 8TH. 1719.

Your most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. [Serv^{ts}.]

ROB^{T}. SYMONDS.
JOHN BLUNT.

No. 94

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
Presidt. & Governour of Fort
St. George &ca: Council.

Honble. Sr. &ct.

Your Honr. &cas. favour of the 23rd. came to hand the 10th. Inst. with the bill of Exchange one hundred Pags. paid Dubash Rammaniah and [with] this incloses my last month's acct. amots. to Pags. 24 : 9 [ ] which should have been sent before hand permi[...] but the rivers are so full by the vast showers of rains we have daily had for these fifteen or sixteen days past that Sevll. People who have attempted to pass [them] have been forc'd to return again.

Here being no Accts. of Mr. Noden the Peons telling me that he always gave them [...] Rupees each for the carriage of Letters to Madrass [and] the reason of the overcharge till upon Your Honr. &ca. Letter I made a stricter examination & found to the contrary so obliged them to take six Rupees no more between both Peons.

The Nabob is very shortly expected here but not to stay, only designing to call here in his way and so march against Upperah so[me] of whose Letters he having intercepted as they were carrying to Court informing severall things against the Nabob which has so enraged him that he is going with a full resolution to destroy all his Countrys and to take off his head. He is now at a Place [......] Petta about five days Journey [from] this Place. I am

Metchlepatam   Honble Sr. &ca.

Sepr. ye. 24th. 1719.   Your most obedt. & most
Obliged humble Servt.
Humpry. Holcombe

No. 95

To the Honble. Joseph Collet Esqr.
President & Governr. &cr Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Yours dated the 17th. June last came to hand the 1st. Ultimo and that of July the 10th. the 26th. Inst.

Our Neighbour Angria has made severall Offers of Peace but as yet he will not come in[to] such terms as we may with honour accept thô we are without hopes the appearance of our Fleet at sea may have that good Effect.

We are sorry to find Madrass suffers much thrô drought, We have (thank God) a good [pro]spect of a plentifull Harvest this Season.

We observe our Honble. Masters have furnished you with men and stores for carrying on your designs against Dieu Island and we heartily wish [you] success in ye. Execution.

This day we had notice of an Interloper's arrivall at Surat. We know not the Particulars of her Cargoe but tis reported she has a good quantity of Bullion Coral & Iron on board We shall use our utmost endeavours to prevent them (& all others that came on this Coast) making a Voyage.

On the 12th. Inst. our Presidt. recd. a Letter from Capt. Jno. Bernard Commr. of the Fordwich advising his arrivall off Basseen the 9th. having put for the Place on the information he recd. at Mozambique our Island was taken by Angria. The ship being [very]deep laden and the winds contrary She did not re[ach] this Harbour till the 20th. on her we have a la[ding] of Treasure and a very good Supply of stores. The [...]ver's unfortunate accident we are apprehensive [...] detain her too [. . .] in her Passage so [we] dont expect her till December.

We lament the unhappy Loss of our Settlement at Bencoolen an acct. of which we shall transmitt to our Honble. Masters in a few days, Via Persia.

Our advices from Court say that on the death of Raphiel Durjah the two Brothers Hussen Ally Cawn & Abdulla Cawn set up a younger Brother of that Family by the name of Shawjehan and that soon after Naickshaw a Young man of the Royall Blood by the assistance of Rajahs Tetsevunt, suv-vy and Chebbilah Ram proclaimed himself King at Agra and very lately we hear both their Armys engaged in which Hussenally Cawn was slain and his Army routed, The King Shawjehan dying a few days before. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE

[29TH.] AUGST. 1719.

HONBLE. SR. &CT

Your very humble. Servts.

CHARLES BOONE.
LAWCE: PARKER.
STEPN. STRUIT.
JNO. BRADDYLL.
WALTER BROWN.
JNO. COURTNEY.
BLAKT. MIDFORD.

P.S.

Since writing the above we have come [to an] accommodation with Angria on condition [yt. he] shall deliver up all the Ships & Vessells [...] taken and pay down to ye. Rt. Hble. Compa. [twenty] thousand Rupees ten thousand in two years but the Sou Rajah shall give his bond for thirty thousand more to be paid at a certain time and ye. same is not as yet ratifyed.

Idem

CHA. BOONE
&CT. COUNCIL.

No. 96

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNOUR OF FORTS
ST. GEORGE &CT. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

We are favour'd with yours dated ye. 13th. & 30th: Ultimo and according to your order [. . . re]port of our Military [& Gun room] Crew and disabled Men.

We observe that you have paid Sunco Rama the ballance due for Cloth brought in by Sunco Narrain here. We are further indebted on that acct. twenty thousand Pags. which we desire you'l please to make good and the Merchts. Accts. shall be transmitted to you as soon as Sunco Narrain's mourning is over for the death of his son.

We observe in yours of the 30th. by Mr. Way that the Honble. Presidt. is determin'd to take his Passage for England on the first Ship from your Port & Mr. Hastings is appointed to Succeed him in that Government accordingly he is preparing to Set on his Journey to Fort St. Geor. and when he can fix on a day will advise you Mr. William Jennings may be sent hither to succeed him.

For these four or five days past ye. Rain have pour'd down with very little Intermission & like to continue which have been a hinderance to [Mr.] Way's surveying our Buildings & Fortifications but no time shall be lost in that work and the acct. of their expen[ce] shall be sent by Mr. Hastings with our Genll. Books ending Aprill 1717 and our Consultations with the Paymasters accounts for six months.

Inclosed is our Acc^{t}. Cash for last month and we most respectfully subscribe

Fort S^{T}. David

November y^{E}. 7TH. 1719.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.

Y^{or}. most obedient [&] humble Servants

Fra^{s}. Hastings.
John Berlu.
Tho: Wright.
Sim^{o}. Holcombe.
Rob^{T}. Brooke.
Jno. Sanderson.

List of Bales Viz^{T}.

Embaled	... ...	266
Beaters	... ...	240
Dyers	... ...	120
Washers	... ...	434
Merch^{ts}. Godowns Bales	... ...	1060

No. 97

To the Hon^{BLE} Joseph Collet Esq^{R}.
Presid^{T} and Gov^{R}. of Fort S^{T}. Geo^{R}. & S^{T}. David &c^{A}. Council.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.

By William Jennings Esqr. the 19th your favour of the 14 and this accompanys [Mr.] Hastings our late Dep^{ty}. Govr. who has according to your direction deliver'd to M^{r}. Jennings the charge of this Government.

We have rec^{d}. Invoice and bill of Loading for the Factors provisions sent us by the sloop Ramah and send Inclosed our Merch^{ts}. Acc^{t}. Curr^{t}: with expences on our New Buildings & Fortifications.

We most Respectfully Subscribe

Fort S^{T}. David

Nov^{R}. y^{E}. 25TH. 1719.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{T}.

Y^{or}. most obed^{t}. hum Serv^{ts}.

Fra^{s}. Hastings.
Will Jennings.
John: Berlu.
Rob^{T}. Berriman.
Tho: Wright.
Sim^{o}: Holcombe.
Rob^{T}. Brooke.
Jno. Sanderson.

No. 98

To the Hon^{BLE}. Joseph Collet Esq^{R}.
Presid^{T}. and Govern^{R}. of Fort [S^{T}.] George &c^{T}. Council.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{T}.

Having labour'd under a very severe fit of Sickness ever since the 15th. of last month wch. obliged me to keep my bed I have not been in any capacity of writing sooner wherefore I hope your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will excuse my not sending my Sepr. months acc^{t}. as usual which now comes inclosed together with my Acc^{t}. for last month by which your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will find I am out of Cash therefore desire youll be pleased to make me a further supply and that it may be paid as before to Rammaniah who will remit here by bill of Exchange.

The Nabob is at Duha about three days Journey from hence, where he has sent for Coja Gee and all the Conicoplys concerned in the Salt Affair in order to make them refund the forty thousand Pag^s. he hears they have defrauded in the Customs and it is reported that hereupon a new Phowsdar will be constituted in the room of Coja Gee. I am

METCHLEPATAM
NOV^R. Y^R. 29TH: 1719.

HON^BLE. S^R. &c.

Your most obedient & obliged
humb^le. serv^t.
HUMP^RY. HOLCOMBE.

No. 99

TO THE HON^BLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R.
PRESID^T & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^T. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^T.

We have since the dispatch of the George Brigantine rec^d. Your Hon^rs. &c^as. Letter of the 25th. Sepr. and have by this conveyance sent up M^r. Cornelius M[olls] Will and Testament with the customary probatt, We shall take care to make up his Acc^ts. & bring the produce of his Effects into the Companys Cash time enough to have [y^m.] go home by the January Shipping.

The Subba Maubereize Cawn [arri]ved some days since at Rajahmundrum he is by the advices passing his Army (said to consist of about 4[ooo] horse) over to y^s. side of the river and may be ex[pected] at Cassimcoat in six or seven days by our Nabob's hastning to meet him tis conjectured that the Subba designs to reside at Chickacull if so we may be assured of being plagued with him here much longer then [it] suits with our Interest to have him so near us before the charge of a great Present for calculating y^e. [Value] of which we have no other rule than what has formerly been given to Meida Cawn Rustumdill Cawn Habib Cawn Men who in regard of the power & [authori]ty they exercised in these Parts seem to approach nearest to his character and Quality yet with y^s. rem[ark]able distinction that those men acted by orders & [not] under command of their superiors this for some [years] has set himself above orders and been accountable [to] none. It is therefore reasonable to beleive y^t. he will [wish] to be treated with more Respect and address than [what] has been shew'd to those late Nabobs who were deputed hither by him; this consideration & [that] even y^e. very higth [*sic*] of our Investment forbids to [admi]nister the least occasion or disgust to a Per[son who] has it so immediately in his power to prejudice [our] Affairs however as he has always bore the Character of a very exact and just man to his word we hope to find him reasonable in his demands & if we are forc'd to give him more then usuall we will strive hard to obtain some new Priviledge that may in part answer such a charge.

We carefully observe what Your Hon^r. &c. write in the second Paragraph of your Letter relating to the Length's and breadths of our Cloth no means has been unattempted on our Part and we are in hopes that now after the Weavers have bro^t: in what was formerly issued out to them upon that acc^t. we may be able to bring them into a new bargain as for ordinary Salampores we are forced to forego our expectations of any in this Country or to the Southward of which there were never in the memory of man any made so broad as our Instructions direct them if we speed at all in that article it must be out of the Ganjam Country where we are using our best endeavours to persuade the Weavers to a Complyance.

Not having any advice from your Hon^r. &c^t. touching a conveyance for our bales in Decr. we have wrote to y^e. Gentlemen in the Bay that we shall have by the P^mo. Jan^ry. between three or four hundred Bales ready for any Ship that shall be orderd to call for them we have likewise wrote for as much packing stuff as we shall want.

Touching the damaged broad cloth we have sent Inclosed a Paper mark'd N°. 3 wherein we have given our opinions of the amo^{t}: of s^{d}: damage and how it came to pass Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. may observe that 14 p^{e}. are only the outward fold wett & dis-colour'd on y^{e}. wrong side of the Cloth so that they may be put off without any deduction in y^{e}. price. The rest we will dispose off for what we can get, we have more damaged cloth in our Godown but y^{t}. only is worm eaten which we shall dispose of as soon as we can.

Having now closed the acc^{t}. of the George Brigantine herewith we send it she left behind her six of her Guns it not being convenient to carry them upon deck we desire to know y^{e}. value of them that we may bring them to acc^{t}. they will serve [place] up[on our] new Curtains when [. . .] being light and fit for that purpose.

M^{r}. Blunt returns his hum^{ble}. thanks to y^{e}. Honble. Board for their late favours & craves leave to assure Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. y^{t}. he will deport himself in y^{e}. Station he is placed with all possible fidelity and diligence.

By this conveyance we send our Acc^{t}. Cash to the last Octr. Diarys & Consultations and our Paymasters Acc^{ts}. to the Ult^{o}. September. We are

VIZAGAPATAM

NOV^{R}. THE 13TH. 1719.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

Yo^{r}. most obed^{t}. hum^{ble}.
Serv^{ts}.

ROB^{T}. SYMONDS.
JOHN BLUNT.

No. 99

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

Just as we was dispatching the foregoing the Peons arrived with Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. of the 17th. advising of the arrivall of the George Brigantine [which] bro^{t}: us a Pacquet to be forwarded to the Gentlemen [in] Bengall which was dispatch'd immediately.

Since what written above relating to the Country Government there is a great man ar[rived] at Cassimcoat and is expected here to morrow who [styles] himself the new Kings Duan he has with him [5 . .] horse & 4000 foot but has not hitherto taken up [on] him any publick business, we shall treat him accordingly & advise as occasion requires in the Interest. We are

VIZAGAPATAM

NOVEMB^{R}. Y^{E}. 16TH: 1719.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

Your most obedient hum^{ble}.
Serv^{ts}.

ROB^{T}. SYMONDS.
JOHN BLUNT.

No. 100

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE & S^{T}. DAVID &C^{T}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{T}.

In our last to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. of the 25^{h}. Ultimo we advised of our late Dep^{ty}. Govr. Francis Hastings Esqr. his resigning the charge of y^{e}. Government to M^{r}. Jennings upon his departure for Fort S^{t}. Geo^{r}. according to your directions with the R^{t}. Honble. Company's Cash the ballance whereof being Pag^{s}. 29463. 4. 24 as by our acct. thereof for last m^{o}. herewith sent you since which we have rec^{d}. the favour of yours of the 4 Ins^{t}. & shall duely regard your order therein.

The Guard house of Trepopilore is in a very crazy and indifferent condition and now the weather seems to be set in fair and all signs of rain over no time shall be lost in proceeding on that necessary work.

Our late Arrack & Bound Renters being indebted on that acct. the former Pags. 2188 and ye. latter Pag . 1216.24 we must be obliged to sell their Houses & whatever Effects of theirs we can come at in order to secure any part of their debts.

We have already disposed of some of the houses belonging to the former which produce only Pags. 160.27—and we have deferr'd the sale of the latter for a short time upon the Assurances they give of some considerable sums owing to them by sevll. Persons whereof they have given a List which is under examination in the mean time their Persons are well secured & no care shall be wanting to recover all we can.

We observe you have paid Sunca Narran &ct. Merchts. twenty thousand Pags. being the Ballance of their last Acct. which with Mr. Way's report & a draught of the Buildings here you recd by our late [Dy: Govr. Mr. Francis Hastings] [. . .] whom Your Honr. &ct. will be well informed of the circumstances of all Affairs here and therefore we [do] not at present add further more then that we [send a] List of our Bales at the foot hereof and are with due Respect

Fort St. David.
Decr. ye. 7th. 1719.

Honble. Sr. &ct.
Yor. most obedt. humble [Servts]

List of Bales Vizt.

Embaled	... ...	501
At ye Beaters	... ...	50
At ye Dyers	... ...	120
At ye. Washers	... ...	551
At ye. Merchts. Godowns	...	350
	Bales ...	1572

Fras: Hastings.
Willm. Jennings.
John Berlu.
Robt. Berriman.
Simo. Holcombe.
Robt. Brooks.
Jno. Sanderson.

No. 101

May it please Your Honr. &ct.

Your favours of the 14th. Octr. came to our hands the 8th. Inst. ℘ Ship Townshend in Company [with] the London we observe the reason of your not sending us Topasses.

We are glad to find that Mocho [Mocho] is still in our possession and that there is a Pro[bability] of recovering our Rt. Honble . Masters Settlement on the Coast.

We are heartily sorry to hear that [you] still labour under the calamity of a Famine & thank ours does not continue so bad as it was. We have [news] from Mangulore that they are likely to have a plentifull crop in Decr. if so and cheap we shall use our utmost endeavours to send what Quantity we can [to your] Port and advise all Ships bound your way to do ys.

We come now to advise Yr Honr : &c [what] has occur'd on this side since our last.

The 29th. Ulto. arrived here a small Ship burthen about two hundred Tonns who came, in Her passage touched at Mozumbique & from thence to Surat the Capt. & Supra Cargo came ashoar about [. . of . . .]of whom we enquired [. . .] News but find none more fresher then what you have already had, they returned again on board & immediately set sail to the southward where we are inform'd since they are arrived

at Travencore and are purchasing of course sorts of cloth, they have made strict search for pepper being mighty desirous of it having offer'd extravagant prices for it but happens well there's no old to be had in the Country and we heartily wish they may go away before the new crop comes in wch. is Janry. else they will so inhance the Price and the Merchants will be for carrying it to them that we shall not be able to purchase any for our Rt. Honble. Masters we have likewise advise from the sd. Place where ys. ship is that there's another large one of his companion arrived Burthen about five hundred Tons about forty Guns who has brot. a great deal of mony and is likewise purchasing of cloth but gives out he's bound for Surat. This last ship's arrivall has made the cloth rise from 30 to 40 ℔ct. seeing their Dollars fly about the Merchts. not knowing well what price to ask Our Pepper Merchts. having advice of this are daily sending of Messengers endeavouring to persuade them to stay till the new Crop comes in when they have given the assurance of bringing ym. a Quantity which our vile Government seems to acquiesce with but we are in hopes as there is none to be had at present that they will not wait. The Capt. of this last Ship in a great deal of Pomp visited the King of them Parts to whom they gave a handsome Present and made sevll. overtures of trading in yr. Country which he seemed to ym. to be very well satisfy'd with but we are of opinion twas only for Lucre of what he recd. then for he is in great friendship with us and has assured us that no one Shall settle in his country besides the English which we had for some times thots. of doing and have only waited for his presence to finish that Affair we can assure Your Honr. &ct. that we do perceive already these Interlopers infesting these parts is a prejudice to our Rt. Honble. Master's trade for both the Government & Merchts. seems to slight us the former having advised us yt. unless we are more liberall yt. they will give incouragement for these People to settle in yr. Country and yo. latter puts a greater value upon their Goods telling of us that they assur'd these People will come annually so that they do not care whether we buy of them or not These alteration oft[en] gives us a great deal of uneasiness and we heartily wish our Masters would find some method for oversetting their Proceedings else it will prove very ill consequence to them and their Servts. bare the blame when they are no ways culpable.

The 27th. Ulto. arrived here Ship Fordwich Capt. Jno. Bernard from Bombay on whom we laded part of our pepper by us not being willing to detain him for the rest that he might get up [. . .] enough to be loaded home before his demorage commences by her came an order for the Townshend or [Ha]nover to take in the remains of our Warehouse the former arriving first we comply'd with the order by lading on her 220 Candys 13 Maunds & twenty Pounds of Pepper five Bales of Cloth & 17 ca. : 01 mds. : 23 lb. Candys of Cop[per] which is all the Goods we had left by us.

The 11th. Inst. arrived here the Hannover Capt. Jno. Bond from Great Brittain who left ye. Downs the 26th. Aprill last, he brot: us a large Pacquet to be forwarded to Yr. Honr. &ct. which comes by ys. conveyance who has likewise brot. us the melancholly news of [the] loss of the Vansittart on the Isle of May on the Ro[ad] with all sails standing by the ill management of [ye] Capt. & his Mates, Capt. Hyde being a Young man [left the] management intirely to ye.Chief mate by whose [order] of the course has been the occasion of this misfortune wch. we are heartily sorry for on our Rt. Honble. Masters acct. they being great sufferers by having a large quantity of Treasure on board as we are inform'd of which they have saved but six chests which Hyde and the rest of the men have carry'd with [them] on a Guinea man they mett with bound home [for] St. Jago where Capt. Hyde deliverd Capt. Bond a [great] parcell of Letters for your Place which comes this conveyance.

The Hannover, Townshend and [London] saild together from hence the 14th. Instant.

We are sorry that we are now obliged to advise Yr. Honr. &c . of another Ostend In[terloper] that arrived here last night who left that Port 23d. May last she is a Ship burthen about two and fifty Tons touched no where but at St. [Jago] whence she kept Company with for five day's [. . .] with a long Passage & wanting of water and refreshments has occasiond all their Ships Company to be down with the Scurvy they earnest[ly] entreated us to let them have some but we told them it was impossible our

orders being positively to the contrary upon which they immediately returned on board & sail'd to ye. Northward designing for Surat as they inform us where we hope they'll be disappointed in effecting their design this being all yt. offers at present we beg leave to subscribe ourselves

ANJENGO HONBLE. SR. &c.

6TH. NOVR. 1719. Your most humble. Servts.

WILL: GYFFORD.
SIMON COWSE.
CÆSAR BURTON.

P.S.

We heartily wish Govr. Collet good passage home who we are inform'd design to proceed in Janry.

No 102

TO THE HONBLE. JOSEPH COLLET ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEOR. &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CT.

The Ballance [due to me in ye. Inclosed Acct. is Pags. 28. 31. 73 which with the disbursements for this month and the thirty Pags. for Ground rent will amount to the usuall advancement of one hundred Pags. wherefore I humbly beg Your Honr. &ct. will be pleased to let me have at once two hundred Pags. that so I may not be obliged to trouble Your Honr. &ct. again in Janry for more money.

Coja Gee has been very much harrass'd by the Nabob about the Salt Business having been accused of cheating the King forty thousand Pags. in his Customs which sum they say he has been obliged to refund and to make the Nabob a very large gratuity to continue to him the Government of Metchlepatam & three other small Countrys as Pettypully &c. but the cheifest Places that were under him are confer'd upon Dillaur Cawn the Nabobs Brother in Law who has a great influence over the Nabob upon the Acct. of his Father being an Officer at Court and having a great [In ...] insisted very much for the Government of Metchlepatam but as the Nabob has recd. a reward for ye. [so] he prevail'd with him to let that remain to Coja Gee. The Nabob is now at Yealore levying of money [from] the Polligars for the rent of their Countrys.

A Soldier by name John Mannow [came] into this Factory the 12th. Ulto. who tells me yt. he & [another] Thomas Turton deserted Capt. Sutherland's Company [the] 8th. of Octr. last at night having got drunk & staying [out] till the Gates were shut upon them he was afraid [of] being punished for lying out of the Guard & being [o]ver persuaded by his Comrade he came away wth. him and that they both wander'd up & down the Country for sevll. days but at last not agreeing they parted where he does not know nor Did the other discover his intentions to him how he designed to dispose [of] himself. This Seems to repent of what he has done [al]ledging yt. he being in Liquor he was altogether [se]duced by the aforesaid Turton please to let me know what I must do with him and whether your Honr. &ct. thinks fit I shall give him any cloaths for the fellow is quite naked not having so much as a Shirt to his back.

Coja Gee & Ankaneot the Polligar are pressing with me to sell them the Timbers yt. [was]sent here upon ye. acct. of Dieu Island I told them [I] could not dispose of them till I had your Honrs. orders for it.

With my hum^ble^. Respects to y^e^. Board wishing Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. a merry Christmass I subscribe

METCHLEPATAM HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

DEC^R^. Y^E^. 3^D^. 1719. Yo^r^. most obed^t^. & obliged hum^ble^. Servant

HUMP^RY^. HOLCOMBE.

No. 103

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORTS S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^. DAVID &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

Our last to Your Hon^r^. &c. was the 7th. Ins^t^. with a List of the number of Bales which were then provided here and herewith comes Sunca Narran &c^t^. Merch^ts^. acco^t^. to this time. Our Washers are kept fully employ'd in whitening & curing as much of the Cloth as is possible to be ready whensoever you shall have occasion for it.

Our Dep^ty^. Govr. yesterday rec^d^. advices from the Govr. of Pondicherry of a deserter from Fort S^t^. George coming there that morning with Intercession for his Pardon and that he may return to his duty his name is Thomas Greez.

With submission we think y^e^. means they find to escape punishment gives too much countenance to that Practice and we shall be glad to have your directions herein.

Nothing further offering at present we are with all possible Duty and Respect

FORT S^T^. DAVID HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^T^.

DEC^R^. Y^E^. 10TH; 1719. Yo^r^. most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

WILL^M^. JENNINGS.
JOHN BERLU.
ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
SIM^O^. HOLCOMBE.
ROB^T^. BROOKE.
JN^O^. SANDERSON.

No. 104

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOSEPH COLLET ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Our last bore date the 24th. [Aug.] 1719 by Ship London Duplicate of which comes herew^th^. We have since rec^d^. your Letters of the 31st. Aug^st^. 10th. & 14th. Septr. to which we design a reply by Ship King William [which] will be dispatch'd from hence to your Port in a [very] few days with her Kentilage Petre and three hundred Bales wch. She has now on board with some Petre for your next Octr. Shipping & fill'd up with Guns & Stores for the use of Y^r^. Presidency.

This comes by Ship Young [Derby] which is laden with Grain and Stores for a [...] Company amot^s^. as ℘ Invoice & bill of Lading to thousand five hundred fifty two Rupees eight annas and six pice you will perceive She has co[st] 2347 Rupees four annas & nine Pice fitting & had [it] not been very sharp upon y^e^. Capt. he would have her cost a larger Sum, indeed we think him a underserving Man.

The Metchlepatam met with violent Storm in Ballasore road in wch. She lost Boat & all her Anchors but one with her Main and two Topmasts She will be dispatched so [soon as] can be compleated her Capt. has been very ill since arrived and is in a very low State.

The Prince Frederick was dispatched from Sagur the 1 Ins^{t}. with her full Lading direct for Great Brittain amo^{tg}. to 690870 Rupees.

The latter end of y^{s}. month will dispatch to you y^{e}. Dawsonne with her Kentilige and six hundred Bales for our part of her to be filled up & sent home by you. We shall send some more Petre for your next Octr. shipping and send her up with Grain and Stores according to your L[ett^{r}] sent us.

The Desbouverie and Cadogan we shall send directly for Europe with their full Lad[g] from hence and doubt not dispatching the last Ship before the end of Janry wch. will conclude the greatest Investment earliest effected that ever was known since the Settlement of the English in Bengall.

We are

Fort William — Honble. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.

Decr. the 5th. 1719. — Your very hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

Sam^{ll}. Feake.
J. Williamson.
Sam^{ll}. Brown.
William Spencer.
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